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Memorial Day events

This Monday, Novi will commemorate Memorial Day with a morning of activities focused on reflection and tributes to veterans who served and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The day begins at 8 a.m. with the fifth annual Memorial Day Run with 5K and 10K races. The starting line is located at Fuerst Park (10 Mile and Taft roads). Pre-register at novimemorialdayrun.com.

At 8:45 a.m., a tribute ceremony, presented by VFW Post 1519 and American Legion Post 147, will take place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens (Novi and 12 Mile roads).

The parade begins at 10 a.m. and travels west along 10 Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic Center.

Following the parade, veterans both living and deceased will be honored with a fitting tribute with the American Legion Post 147 and VFW Post 1519 laying a wreath, a gun salute, "Taps" and musical tributes. The Novi Choralaires will perform "God Bless America."

No immediate changes for Bright House customers in Charter merger

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Customers who have Bright House Networks providing cable, Internet and phone service will soon see a new company supplying those services.

The Syracuse, N.Y.-based cable company finalized a merger last week with Charter Communications, about a year after

Charter announced its plan to acquire Bright House Networks and larger cable company Time Warner Cable. The change will affect many western Wayne and western Oakland County customers.

Customers with Bright House Networks in Michigan won't see any changes right away, said Justin Venech, a Connecticut-based spokesman for Charter,

but they would be rolled out across the company within the next 18 months, eventually leading to a retirement of the Bright House Networks name. The new services will be referred to by Charter as Spectrum, the name the company has for its services.

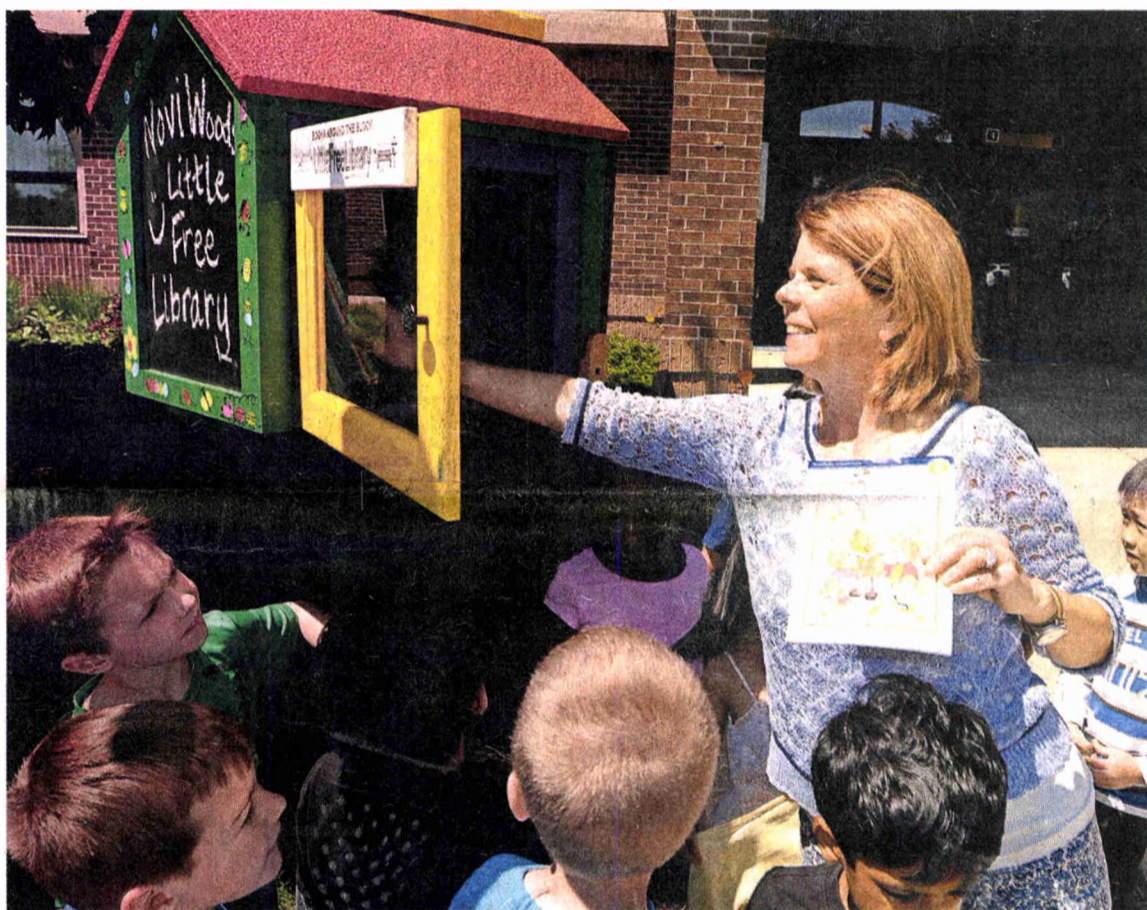
"As the market becomes all digital, we will become to launch the Spectrum brand," Venech

said. "Until then, they're going to continue getting the same service."

Venech said customers who are happy with their current package will be allowed to keep it, though he believes the offerings and price points for the Spectrum services will be competitive enough to persuade

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Little Free Library opens doors in Novi



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Woods teacher Mary Anne Check pulls a volume Friday out of the school's new Little Free Library. The cabinet, outside the school, will contain books donated by the school's students and parents. It was initiated by Check and funded and built by the kids' donations. Check is also on the board of the Little Free Library of Detroit.

Outsourcing recommended for district food service

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District Board of Education is expected to vote on a recommendation to outsource food service staff to Chartwells next week.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. June 2 at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business and operations for the district, made the recommendation near the end of the board's May 19 meeting that was more than four hours long, during which the board was also provided with 500 petition signatures that had been gathered in support of the district continuing to employ its own food service staff.

Barr prefaced his recommendation by thanking the food service staff and those who spoke during public comment in favor of keeping the staff as employees of the district.

"This is not personal why we are having this discussion," he said. "I have had the opportunity to meet many (of the food service employees) and they work hard. The transition three years ago was hard, but my job is to manage fiscal operations. I need to look at every facet. ... My job is not always fun. My job is to take emotions out and do my job."

Three years ago, the district outsourced management of its food service operations to Chartwells when the long-time food service director retired. The change coincided with major alterations to the USDA school meals guidelines through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

Those changes, meant to reduce childhood obesity and improve health for all kids, has resulted in higher costs for food service departments, with more expensive produce and higher labor costs with more food cooked from scratch.

Two options

In March, the district requested proposals for food operations with two options — Plan A, in which food service staff would be privatized through attrition; and Plan B, in which all food service staff would be immediately employed by the food service management company. Two companies, Chartwells and SFE, completed the bidding process, with Chartwells scoring the most points and earning the recommendation.

The district currently employs 36 food service workers. For the 2015-16 school year, revenues for the food service de-

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'American Pickers' looking for local stars

TV series will film episodes in Michigan during June

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All trash is a potential treasure when it comes to "American Pickers" — and the show is looking for stars in Michigan.

The History Channel's documentary series will film episodes throughout the state in June.

The cable-TV show follows Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques — from motorcycles, classic cars bicycles and more. They usually bump into a unique character or two while searching for items.

"I totally watch the show," said Cathy Evans, owner of Made 2 Inspire, 5906 E. Grand River Ave. in Genoa Township. "My husband has it taped. I totally know who 'American Pickers' are. Could you imagine if they drove up to my store in their Mercedes van? I would faint!"

In case Wolfe and Fritz are interested, Evans said she has



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Mike Wolfe (left) and Frank Fritz, stars of the History Channel show "American Pickers."

vintage suitcases, a doctor's bag from the Vietnam War era and an antique chair someone who just wanted to get rid of brought to her shop.

Evans is now trying to track down the owner of the suitcases. She's also trying to price the old doctor's bag.

"I have no clue on how to price that," Evans said. "In Michigan, it's amazing how many people have things that they don't even realize they have."

Wolfe and Fritz look for vintage bicycles, toys, unusual radios, movie memorabilia, military items, folk art, early firefighting equipment, vintage musical equipment, automotive items, clothing and other one-of-a-kind vintage memorabilia.

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The aim of veterans court: No vet left behind

It was with great pride that I read the recent series of articles by your paper focused on the treatment courts, specifically the Veterans Court program conducted here at the 52-1 District Court. I am appreciative for such articles, because it is important for citizens to know about the good things going on in their local court and it is imperative that veterans learn about this valuable resource available to them. I serve on the bench with fellow Judges Robert Bondy and Travis Reeds and we



David Law
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all believe that the most rewarding aspect of our particular job is when we are able to help people turn their lives around. The Veterans Court program gives us that opportunity. The 52-1 District Court serves a number of communities, including South Lyon, Lyon Township, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Milford Town-

ship, village of Milford, Commerce Township and Highland Township. Participants in the Veterans Court program need not live in those communities; they can live anywhere in Oakland County. Over the past decade, various types of specialty court programs have emerged in Michigan. More than 164 various specialty courts exist in the 83 counties in Michigan and Oakland County is among the most comprehensive statewide.

Veteran Courts are court programs governed by statute (MCL 600.1201); both circuit courts and district courts have jurisdiction to preside over them. While not common to every state, Michigan courts have taken the lead and developed programs designed to address the very specialized problems that affect our veterans. Michigan currently has approximately 22 active and functioning VCs, up from eight in 2013. The basic model involves a team approach with coordination between local law enforcement, prosecutors, defense bar, probation departments and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Veterans Court is an intensive, collaborative response to veterans who present with a certain set of substance abuse (and/or other issues) in the criminal justice system. It generally involves a probationary period of approximately 18 months in total, with several phases and tiers staggered in three- to four-month intervals. The program begins with extremely high-intensity monitoring, including multiple drug and alcohol tests, weekly counseling, weekly probation meetings, daily AA/NA meetings, mandatory VA participation and bi-weekly judicial hearings.

There are more veterans in our county and living here in Michigan than you might think. Since 9/11, more than 2 million troops have

served overseas. Tragically, about one-third return home with some form of post-traumatic stress disorder from their service. And many have some form of related issues, with alcohol and substance abuse foremost among them. One critical element of every Veterans Court is close coordination with VA liaisons, who participate in the team model and help match each veteran with the resources they need. Probation officers, defense advocates, county department team members and judges meet regularly to monitor each participant's successes and failures. The program revolves around drug and alcohol testing, substance abuse and mental health counseling, as well as support groups.

Many programs (including 52-1) also rely heavily on the voluntary participation of mentors — servicemen and women who donate their time to meet with and guide participants as they make their way through the rigors of the program. Their assistance is invaluable.

Statistics clearly show that treatment courts have a positive impact on community safety. General recidivism (re-offense) rates for district court programs like this are about 4 percent, with the rate outside of such programs at about 16 percent. Yes, the program is intensive. Yes, the program takes a substantial time investment. But the most important thing is that the program works.

The additional commitment of time and effort can be challenging for judges and members of the team, but witnessing the success of the participants is incredibly rewarding. Our veterans have done so much for us, this is the least we can do for them!

David Law is a 52-1 District Court judge.

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switching to the new packages the company offers.

Bright House Networks provides services to residents in Redford, Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi. Charter currently offers services in areas of mid- and northern Michigan, as well as the Upper Peninsula, Venech said.

Charter plans on expanding the number of employees it employs

over the next few years, including more customer service positions, Venech said. About 90,000 employees work for Charter with the merging of TWC and Bright House Networks and Venech said the company hopes to add an additional 20,000 in the future.

While he could not speak to whether certain Bright House Network facilities would remain open, Venech said those employees would most likely stay in place.

"I wouldn't have any comment on a specific locations," he said. "We're going to need

them to keep doing what they're doing."

Bright House has local facilities at 37635 Enterprise Court in Farmington Hills and 14525 Farmington Road in Livonia.

The merger will mean Charter will be the provider for more than 25 million customers across 41 states.

"Current Bright House Networks and Time Warner Cable customers won't see many changes right away, though in the coming months they will begin to hear more from us about the Spectrum brand, and

the product improvements and consumer friendly policies that come with it," Tom Rutledge, chairman and CEO of Charter Communications, said in a news release. "Charter's objective is to provide high-quality products at great prices and back it up with excellent customer service and we intend to continually improve the way we do business in order to be the very best at what we do."

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You booze, you snooze, you lose: Driver takes nap

An alleged drunken man took a nap in his vehicle — while it was running — and stopped in the left-through lane on Eight Mile Road. Novi police officers were called at 5:19 a.m. May 13 on a report of a black Jeep Cherokee stopped in the road on westbound Eight Mile Road, just east of Haggerty. Police said the Cherokee was running and the brake lights were illuminated. The officer approached the vehicle and observed the male driver slumped over toward the center console. The officer said he activated the police car siren and car horn several times in an attempt to wake the driver, without success. Another officer arrived on-scene and the two approached the vehicle again, knocking on windows. After several attempts, the driver finally woke and began driving westbound on Eight Mile toward Haggerty, with the officers yelling for the driver to stop. The suspect finally did, for a red light at the intersection, but then slowly entered the intersection on the red light and then remained stationary at the intersection through an entire green light cycle, police said. The driver did not respond to officers or sirens several more times. An officer then again attempted knocking on the window while the other officer remained in a patrol car with overhead lights activated. After the officer knocked on the window, the driver then proceeded through the Haggerty intersection and the officers followed until the vehicle came to a complete stop on Eight Mile, near Cambridge Drive. The suspect turned off his vehicle, stepped out and was handcuffed. He smelled of alcohol, a report stated, and said he was coming from a

friend's house in Novi and was on his way home. He didn't know what city he was in and said he had not consumed any alcohol. He then said his last drink was around dinner time, the report stated.

A Breathalyzer test indicated he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.15 percent. In Michigan, the legal limit is 0.08 percent. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Parental guidance?

Police were called after diners witnessed a child being publicly berated by a parent. Police responded at 9:33 p.m. May 12 to Olive Garden on a report of two tables of patrons yelling at each other. A witness at the restaurant said she overheard a man inside the restaurant threatening to beat up one of his children and overheard a woman tell the child to barricade himself in his room and call the police when they got home. Police spoke with the man in the restaurant parking lot and he told them he got in a verbal argument with his eldest son regarding military school. There were no other problems and they were on the way home for the remainder of the evening.

Not so easy pickings

A woman apparently found stealing was harder than she thought it would be. Police responded to Lord & Taylor in the Twelve Oaks mall at about 4:22 p.m. May 16 after store loss prevention officers said they watched a woman enter the contemporary department carrying a black shopping bag and purse, pick out stretch pants, a sports bra and two tank tops, then enter the fitting room. When she exited, the shopping bag was bigger and she exited the store without paying for anything. Police allege she had torn off the price tags and left them in the fitting room. When confronted, police said she admitted stealing the

items and also had several items she taken from Macy's. She told police she stole the items because her friends told her it was easy to do. She was cited for retail fraud.

Impulsive

Two men were arrested on a shoplifting charge after allegedly taking items from Lord & Taylor. The incident occurred at about 6:59 p.m. May 14 when a loss prevention officer observed the suspects walk into the men's department and begin looking up at security cameras. One selected two T-shirts, a pair of jeans and a jacket and walked into the fitting room, exiting with just his shopping bag. The other chose a shirt and pair of underwear and his friend held up another shirt to shield him while he placed the shirt and underwear in the shopping bag, a police report stated.

They then left without paying and were escorted by loss prevention officers back to the store, where they apparently confessed to the thefts. One of the suspects told police he had an "impulse" when he was in the fitting room and decided to steal. He knew it was wrong and said he was remorseful. The other stated it was a "spur of the moment" decision and would not do it again. Both were cited for retail fraud.

More shoplifting

A woman caught on camera stealing cosmetics from JC Penney said she didn't realize she was walking out of the store without paying for the items. The incident occurred at about 5:15 p.m. May 14 when loss prevention officers observed the woman pick up blush and then, while handling a tissue, quickly place the blush into a bag she was carrying. She then exited the store and was confronted. A lipstick tube she had not paid for allegedly was found in the bag. She told police she was not

planning on going to the mall, but wanted to see a movie. Because it was too early, she decided to shop, saw the makeup and took items she wanted to purchase. She said she put the items in her purse and then decided to look at some clothes.

She said she had never been to Twelve Oaks mall and didn't realize she was walking out of JC Penney when she was walking away from the makeup counters and toward some clothes. She also said she didn't see any cash registers. She was cited for retail fraud third degree.

Another woman caught stealing cosmetics from JC Penney at about 5:32 p.m. May 12 allegedly tried hiding the items up her sleeve. When caught, she said it was a stupid mistake.

Wine attempt

Two teenage girls who attempted to steal two bottles of wine at about 11:25 a.m. May 16 from a business in the 22000 block of Novi Road fled before police arrived. The manager said a customer stopped the subjects before they put the wine in their bags. He did not wish to prosecute, but wanted the incident documented.

Drunken driver

A Novi police officer on patrol at 2:17 a.m. May 15 observed a vehicle make an illegal left turn on to 12 Mile Road from Novi Road and then stopped the vehicle after watching it swerve back and forth in its lane. The driver smelled strongly of intoxicants and police said he failed sobriety tests. A preliminary Breathalyzer test showed he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.12 percent. He was lodged at the jail and cited for operating while intoxicated.

Missing 'B'

The Bella Terra Homeowner's Association reported that

the 'B' on the subdivision entrance sign was stolen in the overnight hours of May 13-14. This is the fourth theft of the 'B.'

Warring businesses

Police were called to neighboring businesses in the 25000 block of Meadowbrook Road at about 3:23 p.m. May 12 after a dispute over parking spaces. The complainant, the owner of an auto parts business, was irate because many vehicles from the nearby clinical lab business are parking on his property. He doesn't yet have signs installed from a contracted towing company to have the offending vehicles towed. He said for the last four years he has been dealing with this, has sent letters and spoke to the staff. He offered to let them rent spaces for \$5 apiece, but the offer was declined. The police report was filed after he said the vehicles were preventing employee flow inside the building and delivery trucks. He allegedly politely asked them to move the vehicle and then someone from the other business yelled at them about complaining about the parking, telling them to "go back to your own country," "you're bothering me" and "I'm going to get some people to beat you up." The other owner denied calling or making any threats. He said he is short of parking spaces at times and his employees do park there, but since some of the paved lot is technically his, they should be allowed. He said the other owner told him to move their cars and if they didn't, he would get a forklift and move them. Both parties were advised to call the city if there were questions about trucks parking in certain areas and regarding the official property line to establish parking spaces.

— By Susan Bromley

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Memorial Day honors those who ensured our freedom

My father-in-law, Albert Frances Coleman, died last October at age 96.

Pop was born in 1919, had 11 brothers and sisters and lived on a small farm just outside of Spokane, Wash. At the age of 17, Pop dropped out of high school to help his family. For seven years, he worked hard to help his family make ends meet.

Pop's life was fairly simple. He had no significant aspirations. He was happy living and working in Spokane.

In the first 20-plus years of his life, Pop had never flown in



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

an airplane, had never been out of the state of Washington.

But World War II came calling and, almost before he knew, Pop was on a plane headed for North Africa to support the U.S. Army Air Forces as a mechanic.

Pop had no idea what the future held when he boarded that plane headed for North

Africa. He told me he was scared. He told me he didn't know what to do half the time. He told me that he was lonely.

But he told me he did his job. Every day!

My responsibility every day is to think about, worry about, plan for and support the students in the Novi Community School District. I typically do not think much about why I have the opportunity to do such a wonderful thing.

But every year on Memorial Day, I am reminded. Memorial Day honors those who have served our county. I get to do

my job because people like Albert Frances Coleman did their job and continue to do their job to support and protect people like me.

There are times when I do not understand the mission and the tactics of our armed forces. There are times when I question what our armed forces are doing.

But there is no denying that the freedom I have and the freedom I so rarely think about is possible because there are men and women who protect those freedoms.

This Memorial Day, let us

take a moment to thank those who have served us and who have protected us so that we may enjoy a great community like Novi and a great school district like the Novi Community School District. Take a moment to thank people like Pop, who gave and who give so much for all of us.

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Students on stage

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Deerfield Elementary School first-graders perform their spring musical "A Year with Frog and Toad" May 17 for their fellow students and family members. The musical, featuring six different songs with choreography, was directed by teacher Breda Pantalone. The Novi school district will wrap up its year Friday, June 17, with a half-day of instruction before summer break begins.



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partment are projected to be \$2,111,318, while expenses are \$2,006,678. However, indirect costs of utilities, custodial services and noon aides for the department total roughly \$230,000, resulting in a net loss of \$125,360, which draws down the department's fund balance to about \$64,985, Barr said.

In Barr's May 19 presentation, if the district were to continue on the current course of employing its own food service staff with no changes, the fund balance would be

depleted to zero next year and would remain that way through 2020. Additionally, in 2017, \$54,553 would have to be taken from the general fund to keep the food service budget from going into deficit and that number would increase to \$119,538 the following three years.

Under Plan A, privatization through attrition, the district would still have to contribute money from the general fund to keep the food service budget afloat — \$17,562 in 2017 and increasing to \$82,547 for 2018-20.

Plan B, in which Chartwells would begin employing all staff in this fall, is seen by

Barr as the best option, with a guaranteed uncapped return of \$357,000, a reduction in general fund costs and a food service fund balance estimated to grow to \$303,313 by the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Retirement costs

The cost reduction would be attainable chiefly by the district not having to shoulder retirement costs.

"One of the key players that affects all systems is the retirement system," Barr said. "Employee contributions are between 3 and 6 percent. The district contribution is 38 percent. It's not like a 401(k); we are matching five to 10 times

that. I challenge you to find a 401(k) that matches five to 10 times what the employee contributes. It's not out there."

If the board decides to contract with Chartwells, the current district food service employees would retain first interview rights to Chartwells jobs and, if hired, would be entitled to a 401(k) program, full family insurance coverage if working six hours per day and, most importantly, Barr said, would remain at their current hourly wage rate for 2016-17.

Board Treasurer Dennis O'Connor noted that Chartwells would not be required to hire the district's employees,

as logic would say it could hire others at a lower rate.

Barr said the company understands the value of employees that have already been trained and have shown their dedication. He added he has spoken with officials from another district that contracts with Chartwells and the company had a large retention rate for that district's food service workers.

"I recommend (Plan B)," Barr said. "Some days at work aren't fun; this is one. We look at the other options as having a negative effect to the general fund."

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Parents, teachers and fellow students filled the Northville High School cafeteria recently to celebrate and recognize the hard work of more than 20 10th-graders who took part this school year in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program "Personal Project" experience. The Personal Projects, which reflect each student's interest or passion, were shared as part of the high school's inaugural IB MYP Personal Project Night Celebration.

The student-generated projects ranged from creating a video to explain difficult physics concepts, including Einstein's theory of relativity to organizing a soccer tournament to raise money for a charity that provides soccer balls to children in poverty-stricken countries. Other projects included the study of four influential artists throughout history that featured the student's own artwork depicting their different artistic styles, an examination of drug counterfeiting in the pharmaceutical supply chain industry and organizing a bowling field trip with NHS students and students from the school district's special education center program at Cooke School, among many others.

Northville High School and Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools are IB World Schools offering the MYP to all sixth- through 10th-graders, plus the IB Diploma Program for motivated 11th- and 12th-graders. This year's 10th-graders, in the class of 2018, are the first Northville students to complete all five years of the MYP.

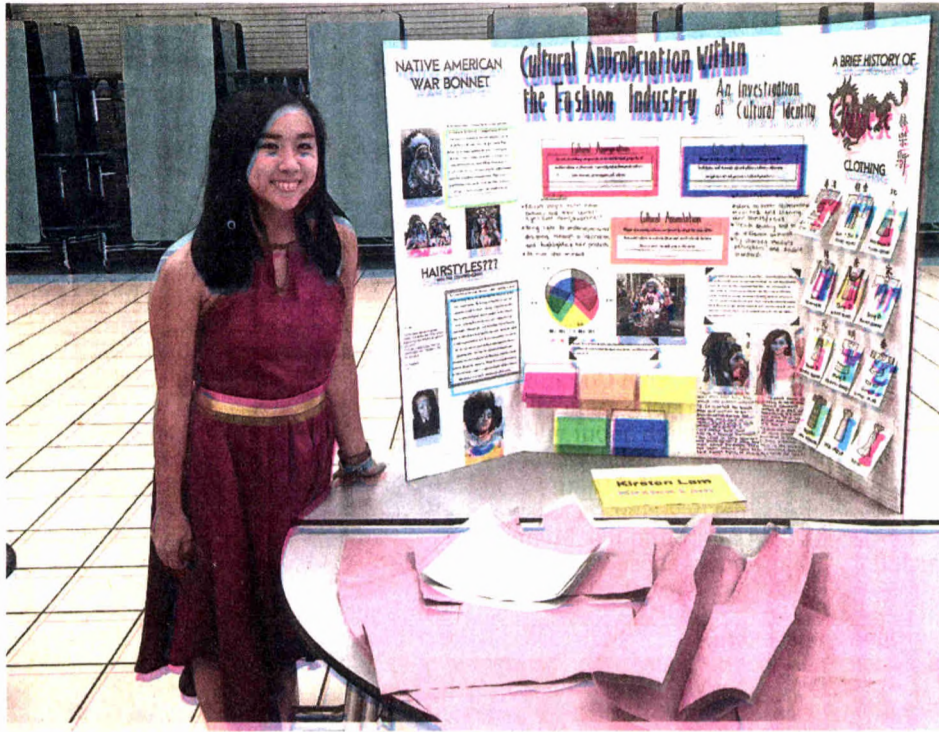
As the culminating event for students in the MYP who choose to pursue it, the Personal Project encourages students to reflect on their learning through the MYP and the outcomes of their work – key skills that will prepare them for success in future study, the workplace and the community.

"Through the Personal Project, students are able to choose topics they are truly connected to and passionate about," NHS MYP coordinator and English teacher Kary Couchman said. "This is something that doesn't always happen in the school setting. Through the study of their topics, these students develop passions that can guide future choices. Beyond this, they also learn very practical skills such as goal setting, time management, research, organization, deeper thinking and presentation skills. The earlier students can learn and practice these skills, the better prepared they will be to approach new challenges in the future."

The MYP Personal Project is not simply a homework assignment, but instead a significant body of work produced by a student over an extended period. Students choose their topics based on personal interests and experiences and work with a mentor to refine their project.

"What is really unique about the Personal Project is that it is the process that is truly important," NHS MYP Personal Project coordinator Cheri Sclater said. "As students work, they reflect on their learning. It is this reflection that can shape students in the future. Struggling with a project now can teach students really valuable lessons about perseverance, perspective and even planning."

Beginning with the upcoming 2016-17 school year, 10th-grade students will have the option to take a one-semester class to complete their Personal Projects or they can choose to complete it on their own. The class will focus on guiding students through the individual steps in the Personal Project process and provide class time



Tenth-grader Kirsten Lam's project looked at Cultural Appropriation in the Fashion Industry: An Investigation of Cultural Identity.



Tenth-grader Jennifer Ostrowski's project examined the History of Buildings in the Detroit Area.

for students to work on their projects. Students who choose to do their

projects on their own will still have the support of a mentor and the Per-

sonal Project coordinator through regular meetings and email communications.

For his Personal Project, NHS 10th-grader Kurt Wigent developed a mobile app that can monitor data usage. The app alerts the user and automatically switches on the Wi-Fi access for their mobile device when large amounts of data are being used.

"I chose this topic because I am very interested in computer science and app development was another way to further my knowledge," Wigent said. "The (MYP Personal Project) experience helped me by teaching independence. In this project, I only

reached out to individuals she did not know who had the experience and expertise that could help her shape her project.

"Over the process of completing my project, I encountered several problems and more than a few dead ends," Masse said. "I learned to keep my mind open, look for creative and innovative solutions ... and be confident and persistent. All of these life skills will prove useful in anything I choose to do in the future, from high school to college to my career."

"The MYP Personal Project is a valuable experience because it puts the student at the center of their learning," Couchman said. "It is a really empowering process for our students."



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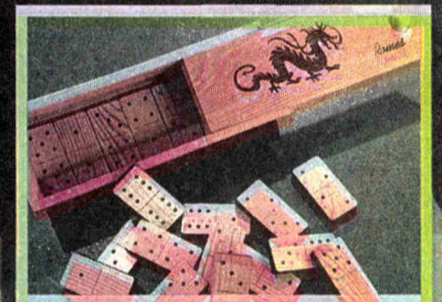
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Treasured history, love story: 'A Thousand Letters Home'

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

"I'm saving all of your letters. I don't know what to do when I get a locker full. Do you suppose you could keep them for me when I get 20 or 25 if I wrap them carefully in a package and send them to you? I'd like to keep every one and you do the same then we'll pull them out and read them over every so often for the next 50 years, okay?"

It seems Aarol "Bud" Irish successfully struck a deal with Elaine M. Corbat, to whom the Army soldier wrote this letter Dec. 12, 1942. He would marry her in 1946 after returning home from World War II and they would spend the next 60 years together.

This Memorial Day weekend marks a decade since Teresa Irish opened her father's Army trunk and found the above letter, as well as nearly 1,000 more.

A third of that wartime correspondence to Elaine and Bud's family, as well as photographs from his service, comprises Teresa's book, "A Thousand Letters Home."

"This was not my intended journey, but it's quite a treasure trove," said Teresa, a Northville resident. "I can't put into words how powerful the letters are because they are in real time. ... My dad would always talk about the war on particular anniversaries. He would talk of Christmas Eve in Germany in 1944 or April 9, 1945, when he went out on a reconnaissance mission and five of his buddies died and my dad was the only one that



Elaine Corbat and Bud Irish in September 1942, before he left for military service. Between November 1942 and December 1945 while serving in the U.S. Army both stateside and in the European theater of operations, Bud would write hundreds of letters to Elaine and to his family. That history was compiled into a book by his daughter more than six decades later.

walked away without a long-term injury. He would recollect these things and you would think you heard it, but I didn't know I only knew one percent of the stories until I read the letters."

Bud Irish was a 20-year-old Hemlock, Mich., dairy farmer who could have opted to take a deferment as the only son of parents who also had four daughters. Instead, he volunteered for military service ahead of the draft and entered the U.S. Army in September 1942. He wrote his first letter from boot camp at Ft. Custer, Mich. and kept on writing to his parents and sisters, but especially to his sweetheart Elaine, with whom he'd fallen in love at first sight at a dance hall social two years earlier and to whom he proposed marriage before he left to serve in World War II.

"He was quite a romantic," Teresa said.

Written word

The letters are a testament to his love for Elaine.

"Did you see the moon come up last nite? I'm

hoping you did and were gazing at it as I was. It was about as beautiful as I ever saw. It was a deep orange color and just seemed to blend into the dark sky. I told Corporal Clay it was sure too bad that a moon like that was going to waste for so many fellows and their sweethearts just because a few big fellows were greedy for power or land, but I guess it just has to be that way. The way the war looks now we're going to have a long time of waiting, Honey, but it will be well worth it. If praying helps any, the time sure ought to shorten up some." — written to Elaine from Camp Maxey, Texas, March 23, 1943

Teresa had always known her father as a loving, optimistic man, devoted to his family, but it wasn't until Memorial Day weekend 2006 that she would discover this tribute and many more like it, as well as heart-breaking descriptions of war, in a trunk in her parents' Saginaw home. Bud had died a month before and it was nearly midnight when Teresa, seeking to come to terms

with his death, sat in front of the trunk, opened it and was transported back in time to rediscover and be inspired yet again by her father.

"We'll hope and pray all of us fellows will be back in another year. The war news sounds good, but it's going to be some tough going yet. Maybe it will be a lot better world after it's all over and everyone will appreciate more how much God has given them." — written to Elaine's dad from Camp Swift, Texas, June 14, 1944

Teresa and her siblings had always offered to come back home and go through the trunk with Bud; he would tell them "someday." She knows that over the years, including the summer before he died, he had revisited the contents of the trunk, which included 250 photos in an album, a Luger pistol, German sabers, memorabilia including USO programs with Bob Hope and Martha Tilton and 30 bundles of letters postmarked between November 1942 and December 1945, all in their original envelopes. She had wanted to have "a good cry" and that night she did, staying up all night to read, but not even making a dent by the time her mother returned and they went to a Memorial Day service together.

Three piles

It would take Teresa 13 months to read all the letters, the sheer volume daunting as she pored over her father's beautiful handwriting on thin, half-century old onion paper. She sorted them

into yes, no and maybe piles as she began to formulate a plan to compile them into a book. She would call her sisters and cry and share what she'd read.

"... I can't mention the name of the city I saw at the present time, but I can tell you a little about it. In places the houses were pulverized to dust and great steel framed factories and buildings were nothing but masses of twisted waste. Parts of the city and even small towns were left untouched, but on roads where the Germans put up a fight and withdrew slowly, there was nothing but a path of destruction. A person can't realize the damage done by war 'til he sees it in person. ... I've seen hundreds of French people now and they seem to welcome the Americans, but pay little attention to the constant travel of army vehicles. I imagine the continuous movement of Germans and then American soldiers since 1939 has made them quite used to warfare and traffic. They make their way along the main highway as bravely as if they were riding in behind the protecting steel of 30 ton tanks instead of walking and riding on their bicycles. I imagine they look at the wreckage and ruin and think back to beautiful homes and the peace they once had. It's too bad some of the people back in the states couldn't see it and maybe they'd realize how lucky they really are. There's many a fellow over in this country tonite who would give everything they had to be back home tonite." —

written to Elaine from France, Oct. 2, 1944

One of the most common questions Teresa is asked by historians is whether her father's letters were censored, but she said only about six phrases from among the thousand letters were blacked out. Bud had been very conscious of his communications, sometimes delaying information.

Book form

Two of Teresa's sisters assisted in typing the letters that were to go into the book. Some 5½ years after she had first sat down and started reading the letters, Teresa self-published 320 of them, along with 104 corresponding photographs, in the book, "A Thousand Letters Home."

"If anyone ever believed in miracles I certainly do now. ... We had to jump from our jeep when the Germans started shooting with everything they had. ... The fellows with armored cars did all they could to get us under cover, but no one could move an inch from cover without getting it. My buddy and I laid behind the rocks while bullets hit so close that pieces of stone would hit us and a small piece even hit my cheek. There aren't words to say how scared we were and how hard we prayed. ... When our fellows were forced to move back for more cover, their German S.S. troopers came down the road and there were so many we didn't have a chance. One saw us and from a distance of not over ten feet, he sprayed us with a gun similar to our tommyes. My buddy was between him and me and was lying so close that I could feel the bullets hit him. ... I can't explain it, but when you know that because someone else took all the bullets that might otherwise have gotten you, a person feels he just can never do enough to make up for them." — written to Bud's family from Germany, April 12, 1945

Three themes

Teresa, who currently cares for her mother in Saginaw, said she believes there are three main components to the letters, as well as the entire book.

"The first is, it's a real firsthand look into a soldier's experience of World War II," she said. "Secondly, it's a beautiful love story, of which promise and hopefulness serves as a compass to bring one home, even through despair. Third, it's a story of faith, a staple in his life that helped get him through. It's a book of history, love and faith. All those are very prevalent throughout the letters, from beginning to end."

"It was sure a big disappointment not to be going home right away like we'd planned. I hate to think of you folks sitting tonite and thinking of seeing me in less than four weeks, especially when even before you get this letter you'll have one saying I don't know when I'll be home. I was in a pretty low mood, but when a fellow stops and thinks it over, he shouldn't kick as there are thousands of people worse off than us. Think of all the fellows who went home wounded, or of families who had loved ones killed and can't even look forward to their ever coming home ..." — written to Bud's family from Bayreuth, Germany, Oct. 13, 1945

Bud Irish made it home in January 1946 and married his sweetheart, who faithfully wrote back and kept the letters as he requested. Together, Bud and Elaine raised 10 children, leaving a living legacy in addition to a written one.

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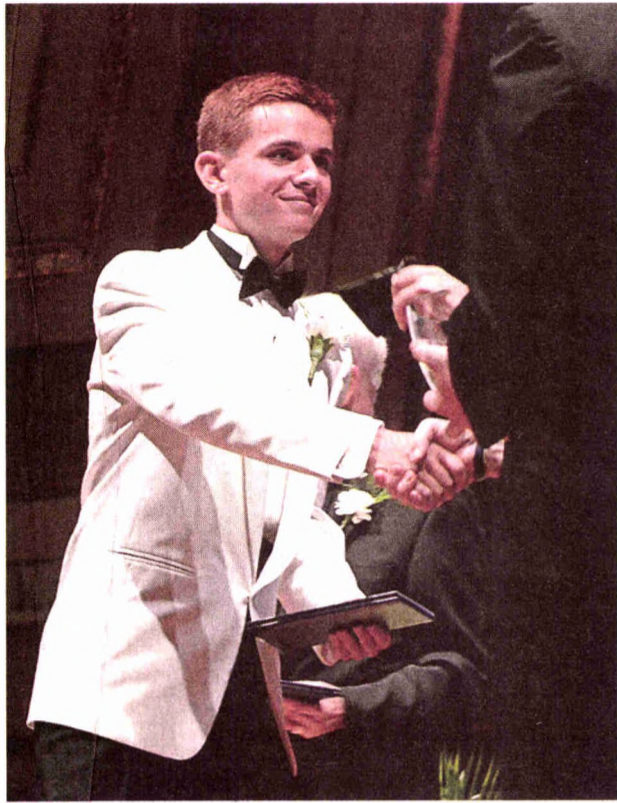


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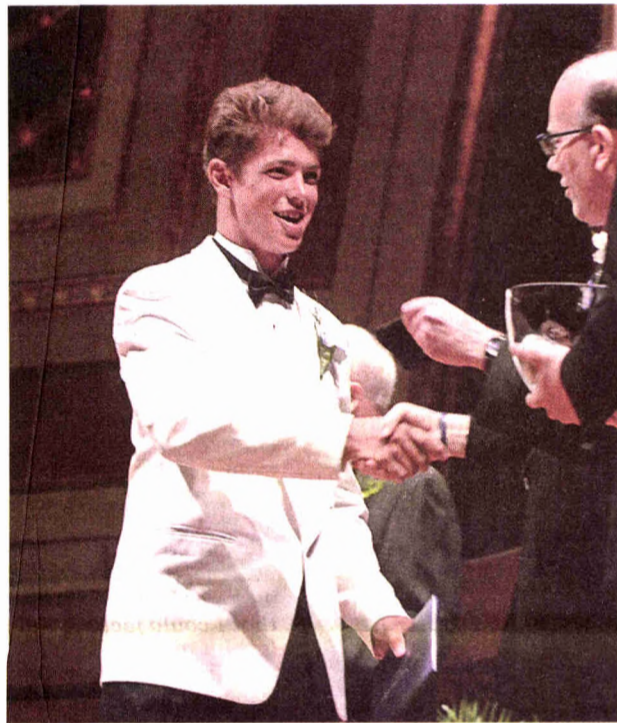
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CC graduate Alexander McLaren.



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Members of CC's class of 2016 stand at attention as their commencement exercises get underway May 22 at U-M's Hill Auditorium.



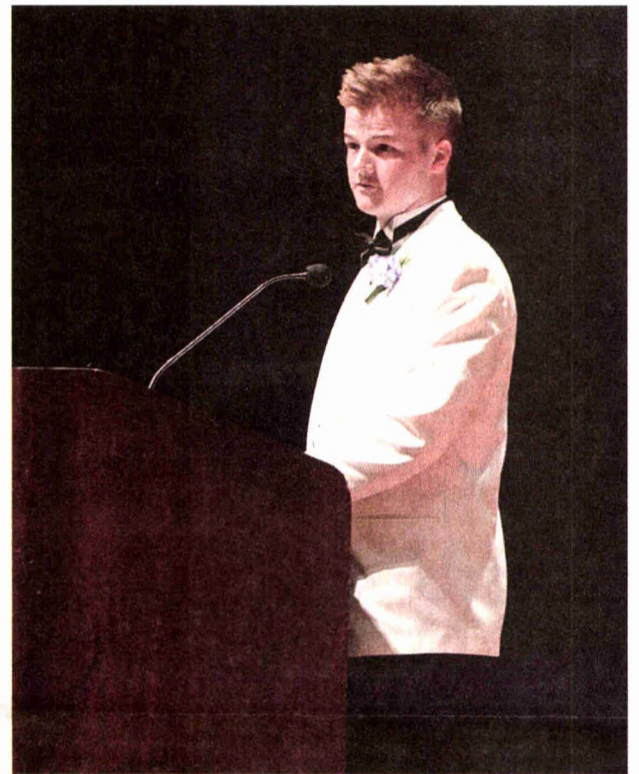
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CC's Kyle Gaines receives his diploma.



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The Rev. Richard J. Elmer gave the commencement address to CC's 2016 graduates at Hill Auditorium. Elmer graduated from Detroit Catholic Central in 1946 and is a former principal.



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Meal assembly stores help you cut time preparing dinner

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Make dinner at home without shopping, chopping or spending hours in the kitchen.

Kelly Gornick can show you how at Dream Dinners, a meal preparation business that enables customers to assemble and freeze ingredients for meals that they thaw and cook at home. They choose from approximately 20 different recipes posted on the company website every month and can make from six to 18 meals portioned for three to six servings. Most customers can assemble 10-12 meals in an hour.

"I wish I had heard about it much sooner," said Gornick, who learned about the concept when a friend threw a meal-making party at the Livonia store. "There was nothing to lose. I



Kelly Gornick adds spices to an entree.

tried it and it was fun. Then I came back and made meals here and there throughout the next few months."

When she discovered the Livonia franchise was for sale, Gornick, a recent widow and the mother of a toddler, de-

cidated it was time to quit "working long hours in corporate America." She bought the business in December 2015 and held a grand re-opening earlier this week.

"The original (corporate) owners were two busy moms in Washing-



Brian Kimball's Time Too Savor store is located about a block from Dream Dinners.

ton making meals together with friends," she said. "It morphed from there."

Gornick is the third owner of the Livonia store. Other Dream Dinner stores are located in Rochester Hills and Allen Park. That's about half of the meal prep locations that were active in southeast Michigan just a few years ago.

Brian Kimball has run an independent meal prep business, Time Too Savor, for 10 years. It's located about a block from Gornick's store, on the same side of Seven Mile, just west of Farmington Road. The two Livonia stores are survivors in an industry that expanded rapidly from about 2004-09 and then saw members close their doors.

"There were two franchises, initially — Dream Dinners and Super Suppers, based in Dallas. I read about them in 2005, when I was looking to start my own business," said Kimball, who has 30 years of sales experience and a passion for cooking.

"The franchises jumped on it all over the place. You had Entree Vous, Main Dish Kitchen, Meals Made Easy," he added, recalling stores in Novi, Redford, Dearborn, Birmingham and Canton.

Lifestyle enhancement

Kimball chose to open an independent store because he wanted to create and control his own menu. Marketing was a challenge and Kimball didn't take a paycheck for his store for the first 3½ years.

"It's a slow-growth industry. You're not going to come in and end up with a big customer base the first year or two," he said. "It takes time to create that. If running your own business were easy, everyone would be running their own businesses."

His customers are from a seven-mile radius and use his service for a variety of reasons. They want to save time, waste less food or get help with portion control. Some assemble food for others, including elderly relatives, or they use the meal-making session as a social event, to reconnect with friends, parents or siblings.

Customers schedule a session online, choosing the recipes they plan to assemble at the store. Each recipe has its own assembly station with ingredients. All dinners come with a side dish.

"I like to think of us as a lifestyle enhancement. We're going to make people's lives easier when it comes to the dinner table," he said.

Dinner with family

Gornick said Dream Dinners is all about helping families.

"Their number one motto is growing great children. Let's get the kids around the dinner table. Make those connections," she said. Extended family can include co-workers, community members and friends. "I have gals who work at Ford and, whenever someone is sick, they order meals and send them home."

Both stores offer advice on tweaking recipes for those who are allergic to ingredients and they offer alternative cooking methods for some meals.

Kimball's menu for May includes Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breasts, Baja Tacos, Calypso Coconut Stuffed Chicken, Fire Roasted Kebabs, Southern Comfort Pork Chops, Sizzling Medallion Steaks, Porl Vera Cruz, McCheesy Chicken Pot Pie, Maple Glazed Salmon, Kung Pao Chicken, Italian Meatball Casserole, Healthy Orange Chicken, Greek Shrimp Scampi and Flavorful Asian Beef.

Cost ranges from \$18 for a single dinner that feeds two or three people to \$227 for 10 dinners, with four to six servings each.

A sampling of the May menu at Dream Dinners includes Chateau Chicken with Almond Butter Sauce, Lemon Feta Turkey Sliders, Southwest Chicken with Ancho Hummus and Pita, Mexican Meatballs, Thai Peanut Chicken with Jasmine Rice, American Sports Grille Steaks with Seasoned Onion Rings, Chicken Parmesan, Coconut Shrimp with Tropical Chili Sauce and Jasmine Rice, Campfire Grilled Pork Chops with Sweet Potato Fries, and Santa Fe Shredded Pork Burritos.

Each meal is priced differently. The turkey sliders, for example, are \$20.99 for a three-serving meal and \$39.95 for six servings. Chateau Chicken is \$13.50 for three servings and \$24.99 for six.

For more information, visit Dream Dinners at 33591 Seven Mile; call 248-477-8300 or go to dreamdinners.com. Time Too Savor is at 33483 Seven Mile; call 248-477-9208 or go to timetoosavor.com.

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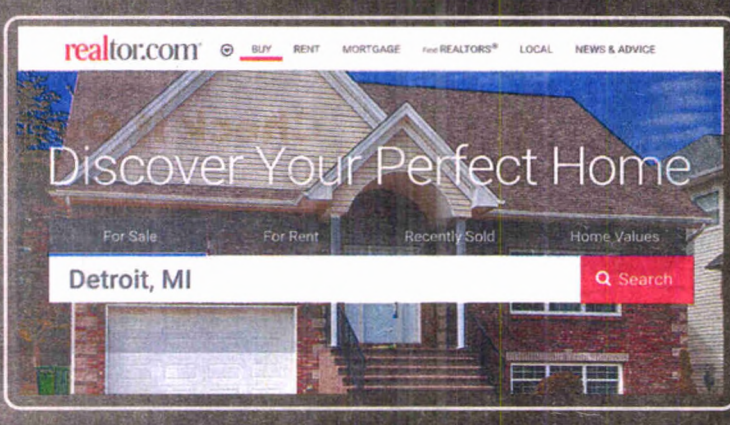


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Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Christ Presbyterian Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: Pastor: Rev. Dr. James N. McGuire
Details: Worship and children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided.
Contact: Church office at 248-719-7787

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847
Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: destinyw3@gmail.com
Web: www.dwc.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

Location: 45301 11 Mile, Novi
Contact: Kanji Fukui
Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi
Contact: 248-767-1366
Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr.
Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Moseley

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (child care available at final service)
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays
Lenten Bible Study: "Give up Something Bad for Lent" by James Moore
Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (child care available)
At Tapiola Village (35150 W. 8 Mile Rod) Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345
Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday
Children's Faith Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

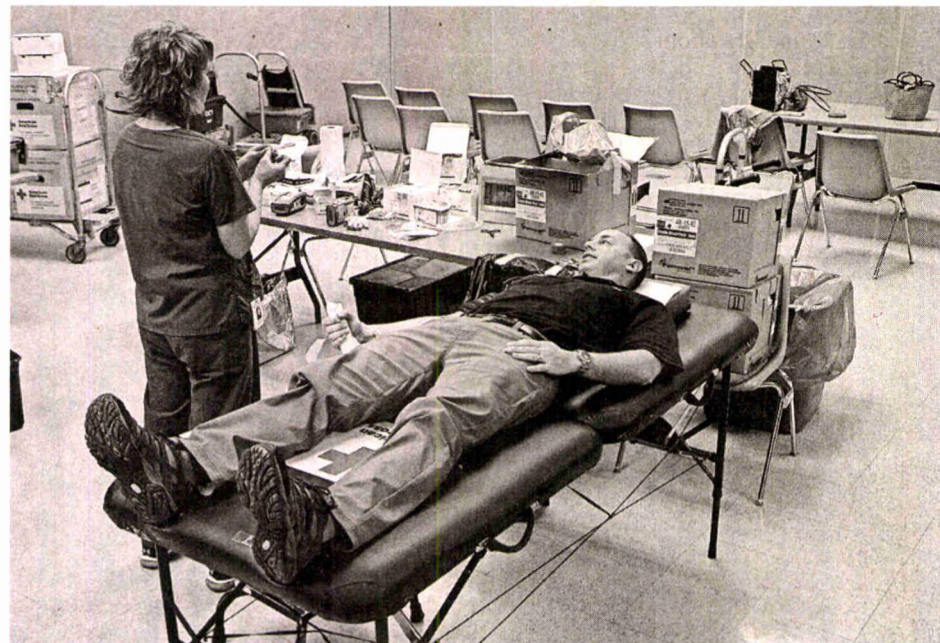
First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600
Web: www.dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School
Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth- and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult.
Thursday: 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study - Revelation.

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: 248-348-2380

Red Cross wins Battle of the Badges



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

City of Novi employee Ben Cray prepares to donate a pint of blood May 18 at the Novi Civic Center. The city sponsored a Battle of the Badges blood drive competition that day to see which department could best the others in donations. Cray works for the city's Department of Public Services. More than two dozen pints of blood were donated and the firefighters tallied more support in the friendly competition.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville
Contact: 248-349-0911
Web: www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875, office@fpcsouthlyon.org
office@fpcsouthlyon.org

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144
Web: www.fumcnorthville.org

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: 810-599-7392
Web: www.FrankTurner.org
Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565, www.goodshepherdnovi.org
Pastor: Rev Thomas E. Schroeder
Service: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Pastor: Charles Sexton
Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com
Web: www.holycrossnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2289
Pastor: Pastor Scott Miller

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665
Web: www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743
Web: www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org
Web: www.mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; church school and nursery care provided during worship
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Minister: Mark McGilvrey
Web: www.5milechurch.org
Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church

Location: 15585 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-420-3131
Web: www.metrodachurch.org
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Saturday
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Saturday
Bible Study/Prayer: 7 p.m. Wednesday

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030
Web: www.ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbini@novijewishcenter.com
Web: www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-2652
Web: www.umcnovi.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday
Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.
ReNew Life Group Ministries:

7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations**Oakland Baptist Church**

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi
Contact: 248-982-4041
Web: www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-926-6584
Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville
Contact: 248-349-2611
Web: www.olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-374-2268
Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Contact: pastor Bill Burke; 734-927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-697-8158
Web: www.thepentecostals-of-novi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16
Web: www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Contact: 734-748-3898

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Phone: 248-553-3380
Web: www.princeofpeacehills.org
ESL (English as a Second Language): lessons from 1:30-3 p.m. Mondays; 11 a.m. to noon conversational sessions on Saturdays.

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-347-7778
Web: www.sjnovi.net
Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.
Mass schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

How to reach us:

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • www.mlddeathnotices.com**Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers**
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ELLEN November 15, 1925 - May 16, 2016 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

CROCKETT

DAVID A resident of Highland Twp. for fifty years, native of Brainerd, Minnesota, and retired engineer from the Milford Proving Grounds, died at his home on May 20, 2016 after a battle with cancer. He was 78 years old. He is survived by Claire, his beloved wife of over 58 years; his son, Terry Crockett; his daughter, Linda (Mark) deLancellotti; grandchildren, Jason (Andrea) O'Leary, Jennifer Crockett, Jessica Crockett, Jamie Crockett, Christina, Jordan, and Christopher Cenzar; great-grandchildren, Kassidy, Aiden, Brooklyn, Jonathon, Madison, Carter, and Kendall; sister, Tanya (Don) Clark; niece, Lauren; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by sons, David (Cindy) Crockett, Jr. and Douglas Crockett. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, May 26, at 11 a.m.. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 25, from 5-8 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be made in his name to the Salvation Army. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

CURTIS

MARGARET ANN age 68, passed away May 20, 2016. She is survived by her husband James, children Meghan Conley and Sean (Michele Ruggero) Conley; step-children Erin (Darrin) Liptow and Patrick (Amy) Curtis; grandchildren: Ciaran, Dominic, Tanner, Abbey, Tori and Connor. Peggy is also survived by her sisters Patricia Coffield and Kathleen D'Alleva. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Services were held by Phillips Funeral Home.
www.phillipsfuneral.com

GAUGHAN

SHIRLEY March 23, 1923 - May 15, 2016 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

LAURENOVICS

JOSEPH 94, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 22, 2016. He was born on May 12, 1922 in Vorzova, Latvia. He proudly became a United States citizen in the 1960's and was also a proud lifetime member of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; his children: Werner (Jean) Laurenovics, Olga (Dennis) Blackford, Elizabeth "Betty" (Norman) Karsten; four grandchildren: Karl (Angelica) Laurenovics, Erin (Don) Saylor, Amanda (Tommy) DeWildt, and Christopher Karsten; four great-grandchildren: Haley, Jack, Kiera, and Elise. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers and two sisters. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 26 from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with Scripture prayers at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. He will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.
www.phillipsfuneral.com

McKAY

BETTY December 17, 1924 - May 12, 2016 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WHEELER

EDWARD G. Age 79, passed away May 20, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marilyn; children, Kathleen (Johnny) Sandefur, Kevin (Laurel) Wheeler, and Robin Wheeler; grandchildren, Jason (Krishana) Pashby, Christopher Wheeler, Nicholas Wheeler, and Katie (Charlie) Morgan; three great-grandsons; and his brother, Robert (Carol) Wheeler. Edward is preceded in death by his siblings, Benjamin Wheeler, Patricia Blankenship, and Penny McBride. Services were held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.
www.phillipsfuneral.com



May you find peace in your time of sorrow.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It's Food Allergy Action Month. More than 15 million Americans are affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis and 5.3 million are children. "That's usually about two kids per class. There is an epidemic of food allergies which have become more frequent and more severe over the years," said Mary H. Weiser Food Allergy Center Director, Dr.



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

James Baker. "Food allergies are very complex. Diagnosing them is very daunting."

Bloomfield Hills friends and Cranbrook moms Hilary Golden, Marla Davidson Karimi-

pour and Stacy Klein know this firsthand from their children. And while there is no known cure for food allergies, the Mary H. Weiser Food Allergy Center at the University of Michigan is at the forefront of research and care management. Golden, Karimi-pour and Klein chaired the Food Allergy Center Spring Luncheon for the second year. Attendance

topped nearly 400 people at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield and raised over \$200,000. In addition, the Davidson Family Research Lab was established a few weeks ago as a major component of the Food Allergy Center. To find out more about the U-M Food Allergy Center, or to make a donation, visit <http://medicine.umich.edu/dept/food-allergy-center>.



JULIE YOLLES
H2OID.com founder Cassandra Gut of Northville demonstrates her removable beverage IDs to Ron Weiser, whose daughter Mary Weiser founded the Food Allergy Center at the University of Michigan. At the end of this month, Gut will roll out two additional products: beerid.com and sipid.com.

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Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass 9 & 11AM
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Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor
Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

Milford

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238 N. Main Street, Milford, MI (248) 684-2805
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Sunday Service: 10:30 am
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Wednesday service: 7:30 pm 248-685-7266

Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
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Children's Church: 10:30 am
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www.fpcsouthlyon.org

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248-437-3585 • www.southlyonccc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Troy Singleton, Minister

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Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

Northville

First United Methodist Church
(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road
(8 Mile and Taft Road)
Northville, Michigan
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor
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Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
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248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Hecker
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbccglobal.net

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
248-374-2268
Sunday Worship:
Sunday School at 9:45
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee
11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm
Pastor Andy Whitten
oursaviouralc.com

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Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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(248) 437-0760
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11am & 6:30pm
Sunday School: 9:30am
Rev. Sandra Willabee, Lead Pastor
southlyonfirstumc.org

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First Presbyterian Church of Northville
www.fpcnorthville.org
200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON
Worship, 9:30 am.
Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am.
248-349-0911

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59255 10 Mile Rd.
South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Rev. Thomas Scherger
248-573-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Send Novi items to pallmen@hometownlife.com and Northville items to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com by 9 a.m. Monday for consideration for the Thursday edition.

National Trails Day
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 4
Details: Join the

Friends of Maybury and REI by doing some spring cleanup and light trail maintenance at Maybury State Park. Light lunch provided at noon. Meet at the maintenance building near the park office, Beck Road park entrance. Wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Gloves are recommended.

Contact: Register for this event at REI's Northville store, using REI.com; limited to 60 participants. A Recreation Passport is required for vehicles entering Maybury State Park.

5K prep
Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday, June 6 to

July 27 or Aug. 1 to Sept. 21
Details: 5K Prep is an eight-week training program to help you prepare for a 5K run. Classes will consist of short group runs, yoga and strength training to help you reach the finish line feeling good and energized. \$90. To learn more, go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414.

Senior Fest 2016
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 8
Details: Northville Senior Services will be hosting the annual Senior Fest at the Northville Community Center Gymnasium. Join us for a wonderful picnic lunch, fabulous entertainment and prizes galore! Tickets must be purchased in advance as this event sells out quickly. Fee: \$8 per person. For more information, ticket availability contact Senior Services at 248-305-2851 or register in person at Northville Community Center Senior Services, 303 W. Main Street, Northville.

Walk Our Way walkers
Time/Date: 9 a.m. each Tuesday, through Aug. 30
Details: Walk your way to a healthier you and reap the benefits of a regular walking routine by lifting your mood, strengthening your bones and maintaining a healthier weight. Walks range from 15-30 minutes. Walkers meet at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

Keep rolling biking
Time/Date: 9 a.m. each Saturday
Details: Novi is partnering with Performance Bicycle of Novi to give everyone (all ages welcome) a chance to ride

Lake life



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 A stand-up paddle boarder makes his way May 18 across Walled Lake. The lake and Novi's nearby parks of Lakeshore and Pavilion Shore will see more and more visitors as Memorial Day heralds the start of the summer season and as the temperatures pick up.

with a group. Free morning rides are available each Saturday and travel approximately 10 miles. The group rides at a leisurely pace with a "No Rider Left Behind" commitment. Call 248-347-5985 for more information.

Outdoor Yoga
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. each Saturday and 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday, June 15 to July 30 or June 28 to Aug. 2
Details: Classes will take place at Pavilion Shore Park near the shoreline of Walled Lake. \$48. To learn more, go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414.

Summer camp
Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 27, through Friday, Aug. 19
Details: Registration

for Novi Community Education's Summer Camp (formerly C.A.R.E.) is now open for all children ages preschool to eighth grade. New this year it the program now offers weekly scheduling. Students will be placed in age appropriate groups. Children will participate in weekly field trips, arts and crafts and engage in new activities and experiences. Children are to bring a sack lunch and drink. Snacks provided. This year's location will be at Deerfield Elementary school at 26500 Wixom Road. Registration and daily fees are online at www.novi.k12.mi.us, under Community Education. Call 248-449-1706 for more information.

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The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will consider approval of amendments to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 20 Development Options, at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting on Thursday June 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The primary changes include reorganizing the format, removing the Haggerty Road Planned Unit Development (HPUD) option and adding an Active Adult Community (AAC) development option. The AAC option is geared toward creating neighborhoods with homes that have the master bedroom and living area located on the first floor.

The proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department at the Northville Township municipal office building during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday - Friday.

The public hearing on the amendments was held on April 26, 2016 by the Planning Commission and is being recommended for approval by the Board.

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OUR VIEW

Foster care, adoption efforts get laudable boost

Grassroots organizations often get things done, as evidenced by the early days of the environmental movement, which is now a force to be reckoned with. Sarai, a local young woman who was in foster care, and state Rep. Kathy Crawford spoke earlier this month to the Western Wayne-Oakland Region of the Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care.

The meeting was at Faith Community Presbyterian Church of Novi. As a group of about 35 listened to foster care alumna Sarai tell her story, some 90 pillowcases rested on a nearby table.

"They often take whatever's theirs in a black garbage bag," church member Sheila Henderson said of foster care youth. Women of the church sewed and ironed the pillowcases to give to the Methodist Children's Home of Redford and will continue that effort for other organizations such as Vista Maria that help children and teens.

Sheila Henderson of South Lyon serves as facilitator for the region for the coalition. It started with the Rev. Kate Thoresen at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, with Thoresen later coming to the Novi church. First Presbyterian of Birmingham is now Thoresen's home church, where she works full time in foster care as a parish associate.

The coalition's local congregations include: Oak Pointe Church, Brightmoor Church, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Our Lady of Victory Catholic in Northville, Faith Community Presbyterian of Novi and St. Paul's Presbyterian of Livonia.

Also working with the coalition is the state's Department of Health and Human Services, represented that day by Trina Richardson, statewide coordinator, Community and Faith-Based Initiative on Foster Care and Adoption.

The coalition works with agencies like the Methodist Children's Home of Redford, Vista Maria and semi-independent living homes for older teens, Henderson explained. Other homes are evolving that give temporary respite for kids to help keep them from going into the foster care system.

Added Henderson, "There are some pretty exciting things happening across the country. We've got a long ways to do." Nearly 13,000 children are in foster care in Michigan "looking for forever homes," she said.

The coalition also works with the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange, a program of the Judson Center, Henderson said. The faith-based coalition's

website is faithcommunitiescoalition.org.

The state's foster care and adoption website is michigan.gov/hopeforahome.

It's laudable to see church members working on issues of foster care and adoption and state government leaders looking to the faith community to help children and teens in foster care. Also exciting is learning of temporary respite to keep kids out of the foster care system.

Not everybody can adopt a child, although information provided at the forum notes smaller ways all can contribute:

» Read a book about foster care and adoption to educate yourself and your community; talk to others about foster care and adoption and how they can learn more.

» Send words of encouragement to a foster and/or adoptive family.

» Help to organize or donate items to the local foster care and/or adoption agency or community program.

» Place announcements in bulletins and newsletters highlighting the critical need for more licensed foster and adoptive families for Michigan children.

LETTERS

Questions transparency

Novi City Council posted its agenda for the Monday, May 23, meeting Thursday, May 19. This is kind of sneaky because it does not provide much notice for people who want to attend the meeting and object to the ridiculous tax abatements the city planned on giving away to the Suburban Collection and Stonebridge developers.

There was a public hearing on the Stonebridge tax abatement proposal. The agenda was pretty full as Monday's

meeting included the garbage vote, a rezoning at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook and two tax abatements.

Tax abatements allow certain select companies to forgo paying taxes. It is just wrong. These abatements cut the budgets for all city services. This means that residents have to pay more taxes in order to get these services. Some of these include: road and bridge repair, library budget, police and fire departments and our public utility services like water and sewerage.

The people who sup-

port tax abatements will tell you they're necessary in order to draw and retain business to Novi. Nonsense. Taxes are not the main reason companies move their business to a location. I'm tired of hearing this excuse. If these companies cannot conduct their business without a tax abatement, then they need to tweak their business plan. No more corporate welfare. This tax abatement is not a free-market policy. In fact, it's not even a fair-market policy.

For Stoneridge, I don't know the total amount abated, but the amount of abated taxes for the city will be around \$14,000. The abatement agreement states that they will create 50 new jobs in Novi, but there are no requirement that they maintain those jobs during the term of the agreement. The agreement runs from 2018-20. This is

our chance to hold our elected leaders accountable. I encourage you to contact city council. Public opinion is powerful. Email them now.

Colleen Crossey
Novi

More concerns

Feeling crowded lately? The Novi Planning Commission is proposing radical changes to our master plan which governs zoning and development. According to the latest census, already 44 percent of city residents live either in condos or apartments. Those areas are limited in density to approximately 10 residential units per acre. The city is now proposing mixed use areas along Grand River, which would allow 20 units per acre in several areas and 30 units per acre with 10-story high-rise residential towers between Grand River and I-96.

Our Echo Valley Subdivision Board of Directors has voted to oppose these radical changes which would urbanize our city, crowd our roads and make further demands on our city services. It appears that the city has been hiding these dramatic proposals by scheduling public input sessions during dinner hours, posting notices of the public input sessions only on the city's website or on the electronic message board near city hall and by not posting notices and articles in the Novi News. They also hid the plans in a 127-page document in an 8 1/2" by 17" format which can't be easily read or copied. All of these actions were perfectly legal, but they weren't honest.

At the Novi Homeowners Leadership Breakfast on May 14, the director of community development acknowledged this lack of

communication, and yet, in the May 19 Novi News, there was no mention of the master plan proposals. We learned at the meeting that this proposal for intense urban zoning was motivated by a desire to add another hotel to the Suburban Convention area. Opening up 20-1 and 30-1 zoning isn't necessary to do a hotel. The city already facilitated the current Hilton Hotel without it.

I certainly hope that the good citizens on the Planning Commission will slow down this process and re-examine what the driving force is behind these moves. The most important criteria for development in our city should be improving the quality of life for our citizens. It should not be ensuring profits for developers. Crowding isn't an answer. It's a problem.

John A. Kuenzel
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Families get room makeovers from IKEA

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The problem: Tiphany and Jonathan Walker's living room had no overhead lighting, lackluster storage units and no room for entertaining guests.

The solution: The IKEA Home Tour Squad, a team of experts from IKEA stores nationwide, spent three days in the Walker's Ferndale home this month, furnishing the space with wall-mounted cabinets, new seating and multiple lighting sources, while also video recording the transformation.

The outcome: A happy family, a refreshed living space and a wealth of design ideas to help other homeowners take on their own home improvement projects.

"The cool thing about the video aspect is to answer questions for people who aren't sure how to place things, what coordinates together or what's an easy way to make an impact in your space without spending a lot of money," said Elizabeth Spencer, the team manager and an IKEA employee from Washington, D.C. "Being able to produce these videos is awesome to try and help people across America."

Videos showing the redesign at the Walker's home, one of two Detroit-area families chosen for the IKEA Home Tour series, will be uploaded to the IKEA YouTube channel in approximately five weeks. The site has more than 120 short videos showing the IKEA Home Tour design transformations in other private homes.

IKEA launched the traveling design team last year and dispatched it to cities along the East Coast. This year's team stopped in Texas, Kansas and Missouri before arriving in Detroit. The

group is based for a few more weeks at the Canton store before it moves on to Chicago, Ill., and Minneapolis, Minn.

IKEA selected its makeover participants through an online application process. Applicants identified one room at home that needed help, explained their design challenges and uploaded a video of the space.

More seating needed

It was an easy decision for the Walkers, who live in a two-bedroom, ranch-style house.

"We'd like to be able to invite friends over and hang out, you know, all that stuff you'd like to do in your living room and we've never been able to do it," Tiphany Walker said.

"I had a table in the middle of the room, but it was too big for the space. We had a book shelf and we were using something for our TV. It wasn't really a TV stand. Nothing really worked."

She and her husband made a video, stressing they wanted a living room that could accommodate guests and board game play. They and a couple in Allen Park, who needed a revamped office space, won makeovers.

Consider your needs

"What happens is a lot of people just add (furniture) and sometimes you need to assess first and then see what's really working and what's not," said Stephanie Recupero, an IKEA designer from Chicago. "Sometimes it's something else you need to change instead of adding."

The team started the redesign process by asking the Walkers about their lifestyle and living room needs.

The couple wanted extra seating for game



Team manager Elizabeth Spencer (left) watches as Jonathan and Tiphany Walker try out their new couch.



Glass tables, a television stand and makeshift table for electronic components furnish the small living room before the IKEA Home Tour experts redesigned it.

nights. They wanted better lighting and a sofa bed for family members who visited. With a child on the way, they hoped to replace glass tables with

more toddler-friendly furniture. "You want to make it a more conversational space. It's odd to be sitting in a row. The way

they had it before, you had to bring chairs in from another room," Recupero said. The team brought in a new sofa and added an

upholstered chair to the space. A lightweight coffee table and wall-mounted, shallow storage cabinets — with enough space for games and other entertainment items — replaced the bulky, heavy glass tables. A wall-mounted entertainment center now is home to the television and has lots of storage space. Ottomans that can provide more seating are stored beneath it. Nesting tables in one corner of the room take up little space, but offer flexibility.

Additional lighting was important, too. Table lamps, wall-mounted lamps, lights in the entertainment center and a reading lamp disperse light throughout the room. A rug adds warmth.

"In a lot of makeovers, people realize lighting is a problem. Usually there is one light and that's not enough. That has been a common theme," said Rocky Brewer of Portland, Ore., who served as director and cinematographer during the tour. "You want task lighting, general lighting and mood lighting."

The team also added remote-controlled, color-changing LED lights — just for fun — to a portion of the entertainment center.

"Wow, wow. That's sweet," Jonathan Walker said as Spencer demonstrated how to change light colors.

"Oh my god, you guys, this is so beautiful," Tiphany Walker added, looking over the entire room. "This is exactly what we needed."

Get design tips from videos shot by Brewer and Jesse Myatt of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., from this year's IKEA Home Tour at hometourseries.com.

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Michigan Treasure Hunters share stories of metal detecting

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Joanne Rundell found a wedding band on Belle Isle several years ago while searching for treasure.

It had the first names of two people on it, as well as the year "1909" inscribed in it. Knowing the owner had probably since died, she just sat there, imagining who these people were and what became of them.

"I just sat there on the ground thinking about them, wondering what their life turned out like," said Rundell, a Livonia resident. "That's the fun part, just the history of it. It's not the monetary value, it's the history."

Rundell is one of many people who are a part of the Michigan Treasure Hunters, a group that meets in Livonia monthly and discusses metal detecting and finding items such as old coins, buttons and other prized possessions that have been lost over the years. It boasts nearly 160 members and coordinates activities across the continent for those who search for treasure using metal detectors.

The group recently met at an open house which allowed treasure hunters from across the state to come show off their finds. Tables were covered in coins, rings, bracelets and other antique metal items found across the world by its members.

Items are found locally in places such as Livonia, Redford and Northville. Some members look out-of-state and out of the country for items.

A corner booth showcased the finds of members the last 30 days, which ranged from a Detroit Lions-skinned house key to a Native American arrowhead.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
A man who did not want to be identified shows the results of several years of searching.

One item belonged to Brighton resident Fred Kulka. He discovered a Barber half-dollar, meaning it was struck around the turn of the 20th century. He was proud of the find. But success is something he's used. An 1862 two-cent piece he found last year was the find of the year last year.

It's a hobby, he said, that he enjoys doing across the region.

"I call it dirt-fishing," he said. "You never know what you're going to find. It could be a catfish or it could be a walleye. So you just start digging."

Historical significance

Tom Klisz, a Livonia resident who's been searching for treasure for several decades, said he's hunted across the country, finding items such as bullets from the Battle of Antietam during the Civil War, as well as various rings and other jewelry.

That bullet was found with dirt still attached that kept it stuck in a soldier's barrel at that battle. He said he's described the potential scene of how he believes

that bullet came to be left at that site.

"His gun wouldn't fire, so he had to lay on his back with the ramrod, put a screw on the end of it, shove it down the barrel, twist it until it bit into the lead, put it between his feet, pull it out like this and then reload his gun and begin to fire," Klisz said. "That's a story. You can't beat that, in my opinion."

Those interested in learning more can do so by going to the club's website at michigan-treasurehunters.com or stopping by as a guest to one of its meetings, which take place the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

And treasure hunters aren't always looking out for themselves. Many times, a hunter will discover an item that can be returned, like a class ring with engraved initials and a class year. When items pop up that can be traced back to someone, hunters will try to do just that.

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Coffee klatsch with cats at newly opened cafe

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Visitors to the Humane Society of Huron Valley's new "cat cafe" can knit, read, use Wi-Fi, relax with a beverage, watch a movie and even practice yoga — all in the company of cats.

Tiny Lions Lounge & Adoption Center opened earlier this month in Ann Arbor and three feline residents — the first to be adopted at the facility — went to their permanent homes Tuesday, May 10.

"It was very successful," said Wendy Walsh, HSHV marketing director. Opening weekend drew 43 visitors Friday, 116 Saturday and 74 Sunday, Mother's Day.

"We have a limit for the safety of people and the cats, on the number of guests that can come in at one time. We did hit that limit a couple of times over the weekend."

A maximum of 20 guests can mingle with 10-15 cats in the off-site adoption center at 5245



Jackson Road. Tiny Lions includes free Wi-Fi, comfy chairs, tables, a fireplace, cat toys, beds and scratching posts. Visitors can bring in their own beverages — a Biggby Coffee store is located next door — and hang out with the cats for \$7 per hour. The admission price helps pay for care of the cats and the cafe's upkeep.

Why would someone pay to mingle with free-roaming cats?

"Right now, some people are just curious about the space," Welch said. "People are looking to adopt a cat. Of course, we have a sector of the

population that can't have a cat due to someone at home having an allergy. These cats all have personalities, but they are friendly and are looking for love."

Guests can pet the cats and watch them snooze, play, eat and cuddle.

There's no time limit other than venue hours, as long as visitors pay the hourly fee and follow the rules.

"If they want to pay \$7 an hour and stay all day, we'd welcome them," Welch said. "We have some rules to keep it safe for patrons and cats. There's no flash photography and don't pick up the cats or chase them around."

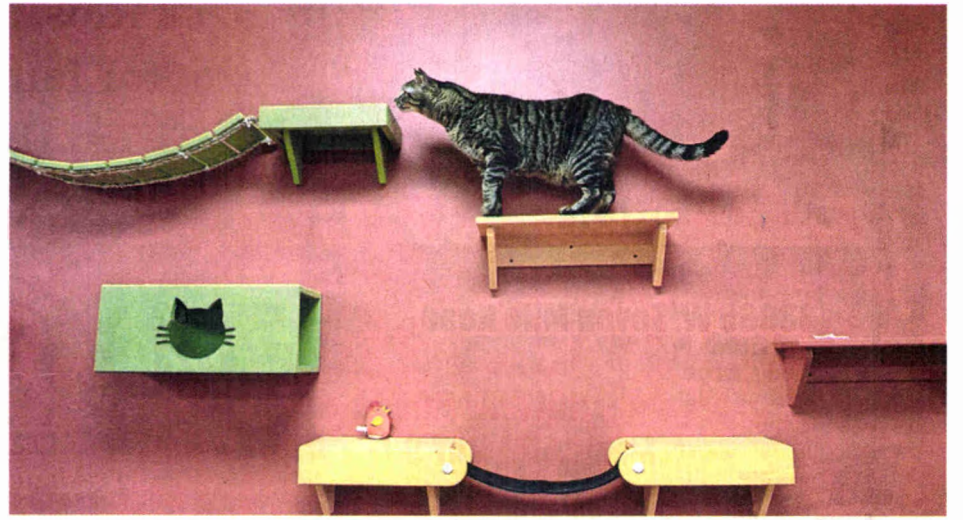
Yoga, movies

The off-site adoption center gives HSHV more room for cats and more flexibility in finding them homes. The main shelter is at 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor. The additional location also gives HSHV an opportunity to duplicate successful programs and try new events. Beginning in June, a room with access to a kitchenette will be available for party rental on select weekends at Tiny Lions. Little Paws Story Time also starts next month and will focus on crafts, finger plays, stories and cat interaction for children, ages 2-5.

The organization's first yoga session with cats May 29 has sold out. Tiny Lions is accepting registration for Friday and Sunday sessions in June. The hatha-style classes cost \$15 per person. Rental yoga mats are \$2.

"There are other cat cafes that have done yoga. (The cats) are fascinated, from what we've heard," Welch said, adding that cats often join in with a stretch or two.

Welch said the Tiny



A cat makes its way across the wall at Tiny Lions.

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Lions Family "Mew-Vie" Nights were inspired by the main shelter's pajama night parties for children. Adults wanted in on the fun, too. The family-oriented film nights cost \$7 per person and run 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 24, July 29 and Aug. 26.

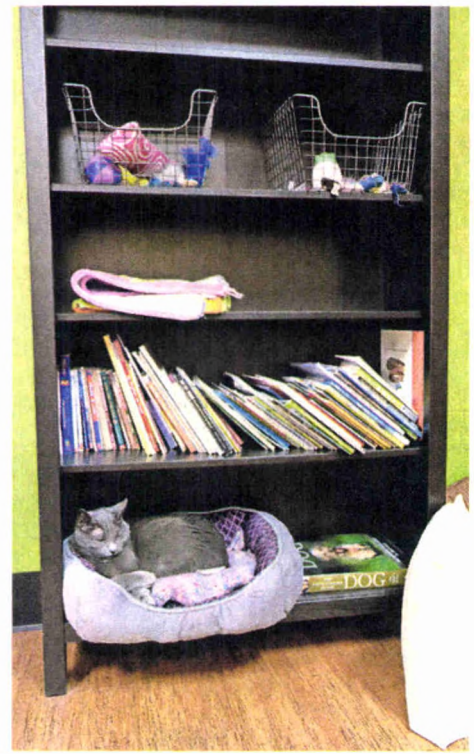
"People can cuddle with cats while watching a family movie," Welch said. "People also have asked if we could do something like that just for adults. We've talked about doing date nights. There is a need in our community for animal lovers to meet each other."

Welch said HSHV also may offer puppy parties in the rental room at Tiny Lions.

"It would hinge on timing and the cats in the cafe."

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The Catfe Lounge, operated by the Ferndale Cat Shelter, also offers a story time for tots — the next is 9:30 a.m. June 2 — along with twice monthly Yoga with Kitties sessions and Saturday morning "Purrllates" pilates classes. Visitors also can meditate with cats Friday morning beginning in July. The yoga class costs \$13 and the other



Cat napping is a typical activity at Tiny Lions Lounge & Adoption Center.

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programs are free.

The Catfe Lounge, located at 821 Livernois, south of Nine Mile, in Ferndale, also serves coffee, tea and treats and has free Wi-Fi. Venue guidelines say a suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated, but not required. Visitors must use hand sanitizer and sign a waiver before settling in to mingle with cats.

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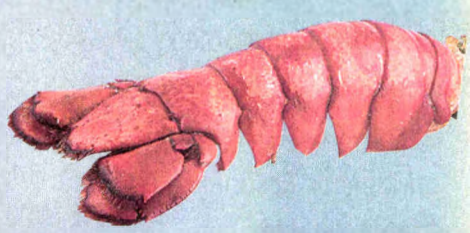
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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Mustangs gallop to fifth straight regional crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When Lexa Barrott's grandparents from England come to the regional track meet, good things are bound to happen.

That was the case once again Friday night. The senior distance runner from Northville swept the 1,600- and 3,200-

meter events as the Mustangs scored 121 points to overhaul Brighton's 108, while earning their fifth straight title in the MHSAA Division 1 regional meet at Milford.

The two teams were both conference champions in the KLAA - Northville in the Kensington and Brighton in the Lakes.

The Mustangs outscored Brighton, 25-11, in the 3,200 as the Barrott sisters, Lexa and Ana, were first and second in 10:52.7 and 10:53.32, respectively, while teammates Cayla Eckenroth and Olivia Harp finished fifth and sixth.

And then senior sprinter

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Northville's Lexa Barrott (right) keeps her distance from Milford's Victoria Heiligenthal (white jersey) in the 1,600 run.

JERRY REA

GIRLS SOCCER



Chasing a 50/50 ball Thursday night are Novi's Jessie Bandyk (left) and Canton's Rachel McGue.

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PREP BASEBALL

Howell clips Mustangs in KLAA finals

Highlanders rally in seventh to capture Association crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville was just two outs shy of earning its second straight KLAA Association title, but the baseball Gods apparently had other intentions.

Host Howell made it to the pearly gates of KLAA heaven instead, rallying for two runs in the bottom of the seventh for a walk-off 3-2 victory May 18, its first crown in school history in a match-up of conference champions.

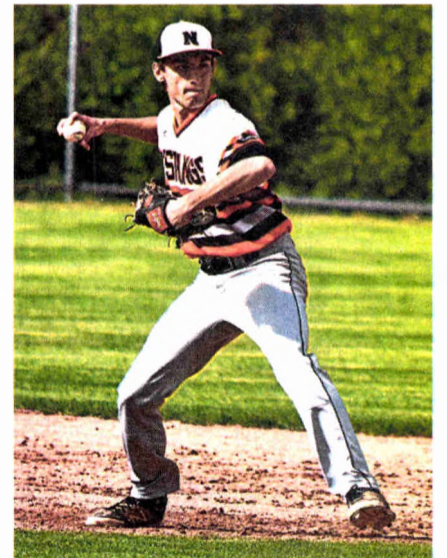
Northville senior right-hander David Dillon, who held the potent Howell bats in check for sixth innings, got a ground out to start the seventh, but hit Johnny Shields with a pitch and allowed a single to Brett Chaperon, putting two aboard.

That's when Northville coach John Kostrzewa went to his bullpen, going with left-hander Chris Dunn, who pitched a complete game in Monday's 4-1 Kensington Conference championship win over Canton.

Bryan Rendell, a left-handed hitter, greeted Dunn with an RBI single to make it 2-2 and Kostrzewa called for an intentional one-out walk to Caleb Balgaard to load the bases to set up a force play at base.

But Howell clean-up hitter Spen-

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Northville shortstop Kevin Morrissey scoops up a ground ball and makes the throw to first base.

MARTHA MICHALAK

Wildcats storm back for conference crown

Three straight goals stop previously unbeaten Chiefs, 3-1

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

The strengthening bond of family is a miraculous endeavor that pulls people together through whatever challenge life throws their way.

For Novi, that sense of deep-rooted camaraderie and unity has never been better, as it claimed its first KLAA Kensington Conference girls soccer

championship since 2011 with a 3-1 victory May 19 over Canton.

"We have that leadership and this is like a huge family," said Novi coach Todd Pheiffer, whose team improved to 9-1-6 overall. "They're all playing here for each other and I'm just excited every time I get be on the field with them because we have freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who are all contributing. They know what

their role is and, as we saw in the second half, the resilience of this team is just phenomenal."

Down 1-0 at halftime to the reigning South Division champs, the Wildcats bounced back to score all three of their goals in a 20-minute span, beginning with senior forward Jessica Halmaghi's volley from the left side in the

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GIRLS TENNIS

Northville dominates regional tourney

Mustangs repeat; Novi also earns state finals berth

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville coach Linda Jones called Friday's weather "perfect" for the MHSAA Division 1 girls tennis regional at Novi.

And the tennis displayed by the defending state champion Mustangs was nearly perfect as well, as they scored 31 of a possible 32 points to repeat as regional champs.

The host Wildcats, who scored 23 points to finish second, also will be making a return trip to the state finals, Friday and Saturday, June 3-4, at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Northville captured seven of the eight regional flights, winning three singles titles to go along with all four doubles crowns.

The featured match of the day was at No. 1 singles, where second seed Maddie Miller of Brighton outlasted Northville's top seed Emma Worley in three sets, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

The other seven flights were all Northville- Novi finals, with the Mustangs taking them all in straight sets.

"Northville continues to show why they are one of the best teams in the state," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "They have a very experienced team that is currently playing some outstanding tennis. They are getting contributions from all flights and gaining that necessary confidence going into the state finals."



LINDA JONES

The Northville girls tennis team repeated as Division 1 regional champion.

In singles, Northville's Shanoli Kumar (No. 2), Joanne Gao (No. 3) and Renee Torres (No. 4) all won in straight sets over Novi's Jamie Fu, Jessica Lypka and Katie Xie, respectively.

At No. 1 doubles, Northville's Maya Mulchandani and Serena Wang bested Novi's Youna Lee and Carolyn Zhang, 6-3, 6-1, while the Mustangs' Molly Bis and Madison DeYoung, a freshman fill-in, downed the Wildcats' Teja Mogsala and Michelle Wang, 6-3, 6-0.

The only drama came at No. 3 doubles, where Northville's Neha Chava and Sophie Zhuang fell behind 4-1 in the first set to Novi's Morgan Krupic and Alexis Malecki, only to rally and win 11 of the next 12 games and the match, 6-4, 6-1.

"Northville was nervous and made too many mistakes, until they were able to gather

themselves and start to play and won five games in a row to take the set," Jones said. "Amazing comeback."

Northville also captured the No. 4 doubles crown, with Brittany Macaddino and Alexandra Petiz defeating Novi's Katie Telder and Katie Valade, 6-2, 6-2.

"I was proud of how our team handled the pressure against (Walled Lake) Northern in a number of semifinals matches," Hanson said. "We were definitely tested and met the challenge. I thought overall we played well against Northville in the finals."

MHSAA DIVISION 1 REGIONAL 2 GIRLS TENNIS TOURNEY
May 19 at Novi

TEAM STANDINGS (top 2 teams qualify for state finals): 1. Northville, 31 points; 2. Novi, 23; 3. (tie) Brighton and Walled Lake Northern, 12 each; 5. Walled Lake Central, 11; 6. Milford, 6; 7. (tie) Walled Lake Western and Howell, 3 each; 9. (tie) White Lake Lakeland and Howell, 2 each.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Maddie Miller (Brighton)

defeated Emma Worley (N'ville), 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; **semifinals:** Miller def. Taylor Brooks (WLC), 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; Worley def. Allison Lollo (Novi), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2: Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) def. Jamie Fu (Novi), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Kumar def. Alyssa Guadagni (Brighton), 6-3, 6-4; Fu def. Sasha Aksechuk (Brighton), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3: Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Jessica Lypka (Novi), 6-1, 6-4; **semifinals:** Gao def. Sam Meyer (Brighton), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4: Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Katie Xie (Novi), 6-1, 6-3; **semifinals:** Torres def. Maria Raneses (Brighton), 6-0, 6-1; Xie def. Adiya Young (WLN), 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Maya Mulchandani-Serena Wang (N'ville) def. Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi), 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Mulchandani-Wang def. Makenzie Dopierala-Laura Belliston (Milford), 6-0, 6-0; Lee-Zhang def. Mikaela Grudzien-Samantha Grudzien (WLN), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

No. 2: Molly Bis-Madison DeYoung (N'ville) def. Teja Mogsala-Michelle Wang (Novi), 6-3, 6-0; **semifinals:** Bis-DeYoung def. Chloe Kirkpatrick-Tori Tijan (B), 6-0, 6-1; Mogsala-Wang def. Brenana Widmeyer-Grace Jovanovich (WLN), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3: Neha Chava-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Morgan Krupic-Alexis Malecki (Novi), 6-4, 6-1; **semifinals:** Chava-Zhuang def. Samantha Mindell-Julia Meeder (WLC), 6-1, 6-0; Krupic-Malecki def. Joanna Saad-Kyle Strange (WLN), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4: Brittany Macaddino-Alexandra Petiz (N'ville) def. Katie Telder-Katie Valade, 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Macaddino-Petiz won by injury default over Grace Lemley-Sam Seelinger (Hartland); Telder-Valade def. Anastacia Gusilenin-Kendall Knebler (WLN), 6-3, 6-2.

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KLAA FINAL

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cer Ford ended the suspense, ripping on long fly ball to center fielder Zach Prystash, bringing Chaperon home with the game-winner and giving the Highlanders their first-ever Association title.

"Hats off to them," Kostrzewa said. "That's a great team. It was a great high school baseball game and congratulations to Howell. They competed and did a very good job. It was fun to be a part of it."

Ahead 2-1 in the top of the seventh, the Mustangs tried to pad their lead when Zach Prystash led off with a single against Howell reliever Bailey Burton, who came on for starter Sam Weatherly in the top of the sixth.

On a hit-and-run, Northville's Kevin Morrissey then sent a screaming line drive up the middle, only to have Indiana University commit Balgaard make a spectacular diving grab just over the second base bag and doubling off Prystash for the a double play.

"That's baseball and that's what we told the kids," Kostrzewa said. "We executed something real well, caught them out of position, actually, a little bit. The kid (Balgaard) made a great play and doubled us off. Who knows? If that goes through it's first and third ... maybe a different outcome. That would have created a little more breathing room, but we had a couple of opportunities with a guy on third and less than two outs and didn't get it done."

The double play proved pivotal from Howell's perspective.

"A one-run ballgame like that every play is key," Howell coach Mike Weatherly said. "They hit-and-ran at that time and our guys were coming to the middle and Balgaard made a great play and that was big for us."

Northville scored both of its runs in the top of the second inning off the lefty Weatherly, a Clemson University commit who was touching 90 mph on the radar gun.

Aram Shahrigan singled and Jack Sargent walked to start the inning. Weatherly then fanned the next two Northville hitters, but then walked three straight.

Zac Osaer walked with the bases loaded to force home the first run and Sargent scored the second run on a wild pitch.

But in the bottom of the second, Howell catcher Kaeden Palmer launched a solo homer of the left field fence to cut the deficit to 2-1.

To start the third inning, Prystash made a highlight reel diving catch in center to rob Chaperon of a hit.

The score stayed that way through five innings before coach Weatherly decided he had to make a pitching change.

"He was over a 100 (pitches) and we just don't ... kind of called it good there," the Howell coach said of his son. "He was a little wild (six walks), but I was just happy with the way he hung in there. We knew his pitch count was up and we had to get him to five innings. He did what we asked him to do."

Dunn, who gave up five hits and hit two batters while fanning three, got through six innings in relative comfort before being lifted.

"You could tell it was a pretty intense environment," Kostrzewa said. "In terms of fatigue, it's just not the physical act of throwing, but I think it was the mental component when he started to wear down a little bit and it showed. He started getting a few balls up and getting behind in the count. That's usually a sign for him and time to get out."

Meanwhile, Kostrzewa couldn't fault his reliever Dunn.

"It's not the walk-off base hit there that won it," he said. "Of course, give (Howell) credit for doing that ... people forget things that happen earlier in the game that maybe we didn't execute when we had the chances."

Howell improved to 24-6 overall, while Northville fell to 20-5.

"The kids kept battling, great game and hats off to Northville," Mike Weatherly said. "They're a great club. They're very patient, got guys on base and manufactured a couple of runs there in the second. To our guys' benefit, error-free game and well-played on both sides. Great high school baseball game."

And Howell's first title will be savored for sure.

"Never won, so we'll take it," Weatherly said smiling.

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GIRLS TENNIS

Northville nets sixth straight KLAA championship

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Even with a pair of starting doubles players out of the lineup, the Northville girls tennis team doesn't miss a beat.

The Mustangs garnered their sixth straight KLAA 'A' tournament title May 17 by winning three singles flights and adding four more doubles titles to score 31 points to lead the 12-school field at Plymouth.

Novi was runner-up with 21 points, while Grand Blanc (15), Walled Lake Northern (13) and the host Wildcats (11) rounded out the top five in a tourney that featured the top three team finishers from each of the KLAA's four divisions.

"The team played brilliantly all day," said fourth-year Northville coach Linda Jones, who guided the Mustangs to their first-ever MHSAA Division 1 state championship in 2015. "There are so many talented players across the league in every flight that pushed the Northville team right up into the last point of the match. The singles flights were packed with talent from No. 1 all the way through No. 4."

Plymouth's No. 1 singles player, freshman Jessica Braun, lived up to her top seed status with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Northville senior Emma Worley, a University of Nebraska signee.

"Jessica had beaten Emma earlier in our crossover match, 6-2, 6-3," Jones said. "But Emma doesn't quit and came out to give Jessica another fight. Jessica was too good."

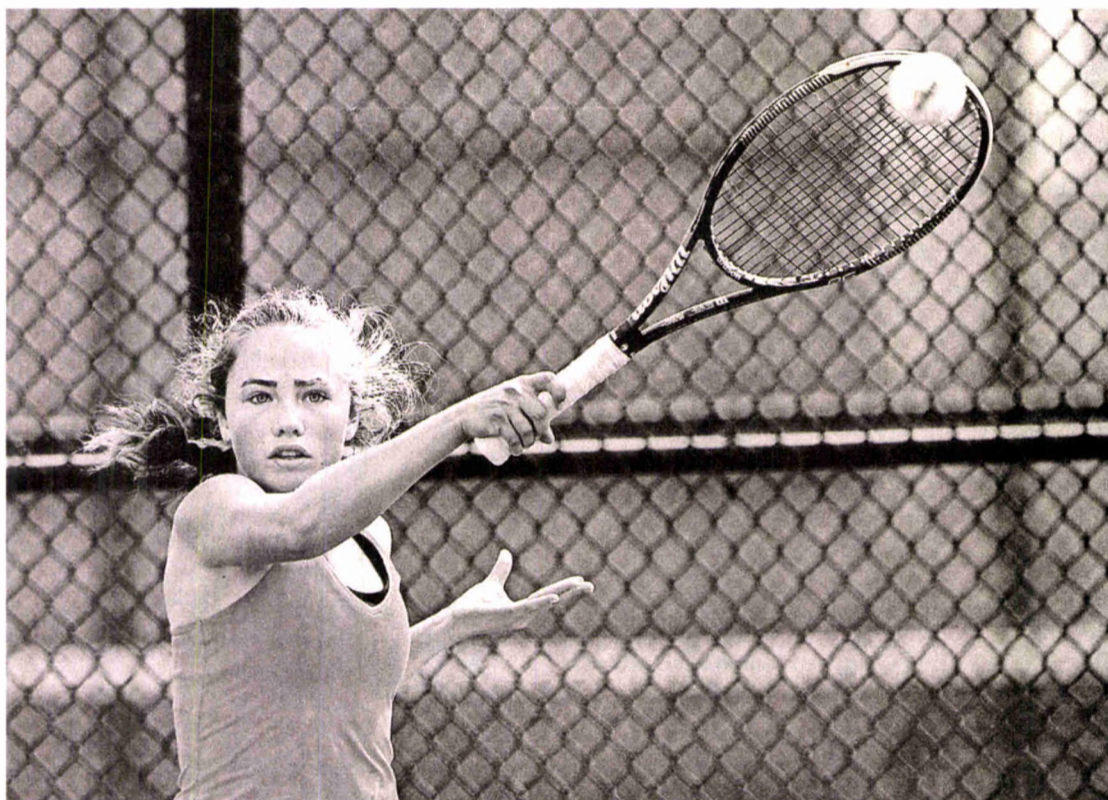
But Northville took the next three singles flights, led by last year's state champion Shanoli Kumar (No. 2), a sophomore, who bested Grand Blanc's Ava Dunlap, 6-3, 6-0.

"Ava pushed Shanoli again and again, but Shanoli's defense was too good," Jones said.

Northville sophomore Joanne Gao (No. 3) was pushed in the final, but edged Grand Blanc's Loren Nelson, 7-5, 6-4.

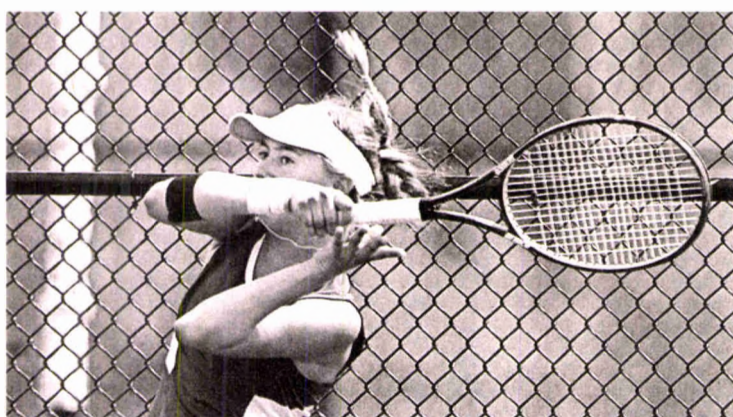
"This match was the last one of the day and even both players were weary from a long day of tennis, Joanne wasn't about to give up," Jones said. "Both girls were pushing hard to win, but Joanne's strong will and determination pushed her into the winner's circle."

Meanwhile, freshman Renee Torres (No. 4) earned her



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Northville freshman Renee Torres captured the KLAA 'A' tourney No. 4 singles title.



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Novi's No. 3 singles player, Jessica Lypka, hits a high forehand during the KLAA tourney.

first KLAA title with a 6-1, 6-2 win in the final over Novi's Katie Xie.

"Renee has a number of variety shots that she uses whenever the match calls for it - drop shots, lobs, short, you name it," Jones said. "Katie just couldn't adjust to these various shots and Renee came out the victor."

In doubles, academic testing obligations caused Northville starters Molly Bis and Reeshma Kumar (No. 2) to miss the tournament. They were replaced by the No. 6 doubles team of Lauren Fane and Andrea Nam, who fell in the first round to Salem, 7-5, 6-3.

Grand Blanc's Sidney Lushin and Lily Yang came away with that title over Northern's

Brea Windmeyer and Grace Jovanovich, 6-2, 6-2.

But the Mustangs captured the other four flights.

Northville's No. 1 doubles team of Serena Wang and Maya Mulchandani cruised to a 6-2, 6-0 win in the finals over Novi's Youna Lee and Carolyn Zhang.

At No. 3, the Mustangs' Neha Chava and Sophie Zhuang downed Novi's Morgan Krupic and Alexis Malecki for the title, 6-3, 6-2.

Northville's No. 4 doubles team of Brittany Macaddino and Alexandria Petiz also rolled to a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Novi's Katie Telder and Katie Valade.

Connie Gao and Madison DeYoung, Northville's No. 5 doubles team, prevailed with a

6-3, 6-0 over Sasha Tretyakova and Brittany O'Connell.

KLAA 'A' GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS
May 17 at Plymouth

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 31 points; 2. Novi 21; 3. Grand Blanc, 15; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 13; 5. Plymouth, 11; 6. (tie) Salem and Walled Lake Central, 10 each; 8. Brighton, 8; 9. Livonia Churchill, 5; 10. Livonia Franklin, 3; 11. Pinckney, 2; 12. Walled Lake Western, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Jessica Braun (Ply.) defeated Emma Worley (N'ville), 6-4, 6-2. **semifinals:** Braun def. Maddie Miller (Brighton), 7-5, 6-3; Worley def. Angelica Zhou (Churchill), 6-2, 6-2.

No. 2: Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) def. Ava Dunlap (GB), 6-3, 6-0; **semifinals:** Kumar def. Jamie Fu (Novi), 6-0, 6-2; Dunlap def. Namrata Kadambi (WLC), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3: Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Loren Nelson (GB), 7-5, 6-4; **semifinals:** Gao def. Bianca Ghita (Salem), 6-0, 6-4; Nelson def. Jessica Lypka (Novi), 7-5, 6-2.

No. 4: Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Katie Xie (Novi), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Torres def. Adiya Young (WLN), 6-0, 6-0; Xie def. Corina Ghita (Salem), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Maya Mulchandani (N'ville) def. Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi), 6-2, 6-0; **semifinals:** Wang-Mulchandani def. Graceanne Meeder-Nicole Langan (WLC), 6-0, 6-0; Lee-Zhang def. Madison Kulik-Ashley Henderson (Salem), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 2: Sydney Lushin-Lily Yang (GB) def. Brea Windmeyer-Grace Jovanovich (WLN), 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Lushin-Yang def. Teja Mogsala-Michelle Wang (Novi), 7-5, 7-5; Windmeyer-Jovanovich def. Emilee The-Raegan Henderson (Salem), 6-3, 6-4.

No. 3: Neha Chava-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Morgan Krupic-Alexis Malecki (Novi), 6-3, 6-2; **semifinals:** Chava-Zhuang def. Kayla Behm-Kylie Strange (WLN), 6-2, 6-1; Krupic-Malecki def. Emma Alexander-Mackenzie Borg (GB), 7-5, 6-4.

No. 4: Brittany Macaddino-Alexandria Petiz (N'ville) def. Katie Telder-Katie Valade (Novi), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Macaddino-Petiz def. Alayna Stultz-Olivia Schaffer (Ply.), 6-0, 6-0; Telder-Valade (Novi) def. Anastacia Gusilenin-Kendall Knebler (WLN), 7-5, 6-0.

No. 5: Connie Gao-Madison DeYoung (N'ville) def. Sasha Tretyakova-Brittany O'Connell (Novi), 6-3, 6-0; **semifinals:** Gao-DeYoung def. Joanna Saad-Mckenna Crain (WLN), 6-1, 6-1; Tretyakova-O'Connell def. Mary Hardenberg-Madison Roberts (GB), 6-1, 6-4.

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BOYS GOLF

Missing two starters, CC rules county

Piot finishes as individual medalist as CC shoots 290

Marty Budner
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Novi Detroit Catholic Central was missing two of its top golfers, but still managed to win Wednesday's Oakland County golf tournament by 13 strokes.

The No. 1-ranked and undefeated Shamrocks drove through the 6,360-yard Pontiac Country Club course with a sizzling team score of 290 in near perfect weather conditions.

Bloomfield Hills was a distant second at 303, followed by Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Clarkston (312), Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (317) and Birmingham Seaholm and Rochester Adams (318).

"We've been playing well all year," said CC assistant coach Rick Williams, whose team played without regular starters Ben Smith and Sean Souch (both taking AP exams). "We have a really strong team. We lost just one senior, so we pretty much have everyone coming back. The strength of the top guys on our team is just phenomenal."

The Shamrocks, defending Division 1 state champions, were led by individual medalist James Piot, who carded a 2-under 70. The highly-regarded junior and Michigan State University commit finished with 11 pars and five birdies.

"We have three players on our team averaging 72.5 or better for the season, so that's pretty strong and that just elevates us to a level where it's hard for other teams to compete with us," Williams said. "When you have arguably two of the three best players in the



Top-ranked Catholic Central strolled to the Oakland County golf championship Wednesday at the Pontiac Country Club with a score of 290.

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state on one team, it's a nice advantage to have."

CC's other three scorers each finished with sub-70 rounds, including seniors Max Palmer and Josh Stein, who tied at 73 (tied for fourth overall) and senior JoJo Mancinelli, who finished with 74 (tied for seventh).

Sean Niles, who leads CC in stroke average at 70.8, shot a respectable non-counting score of 80.

"I was very satisfied with our showing today," Williams said. "We got off to a really good start and it was a great tournament for us. I couldn't be prouder of those guys."

Bloomfield Hills, the newly-crowned OAA Red Division champion, also had a strong showing as two of its golfers placed among the top seven and a third made the top 20.

Senior Grant Haefner led the way for the Black Hawks with an even-par 72, good for third place. His round consist-

ed of four birdies and 11 pars, going 1-under on the four par-5s and even-par on the four par-3s.

"I'm really happy with our team's finish today and my finish overall," Haefner said. "We always come in here trying to give Catholic Central a run for their money and take first place."

Bloomfield Hills senior Daniel Settecceri carded a 2-over 74 with four pars and nine birdies to finish tied for seventh. Junior Robert Ferguson tied for 20th overall with 77, while senior teammate Jimmy Barrett rounded out the Black Hawks' scoring with 80.

Lakeland was 15th with a 323 led by Justin LaFrance, who finished tied for seventh with a 74, while South Lyon was 25th with a 376 led by Evan Monteith with a 90 (101st overall).

Milford's Christian Golich was an individual qualifier

from the Oakland County Division II tourney and shot an 88 (93rd overall).

CC places fifth

On May 16, Catholic Central's 'B' squad finished fifth in the Catholic League Division 1 tournament with a 325 total on May 16 at Oakland University's Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

University of Detroit Jesuit, led by individual medalist John Karcher's 72, took the team title with 301 followed by Brother Rice (306), Warren DeLaSalle (315) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (320).

The other three teams included CC (325), Orchard Lake St. Mary (332) and Dearborn Divine Child (343).

JoJo Mancinelli took fifth for CC with a 75 followed by Dylan Skinner, 19th (81), Mike Aloe, 26th (84); Tommy Dye, 34th (85); Sam Holland, 34th (88); and Ryan Katofiasc, 38th (89).

BOYS LACROSSE WRAP

Wildcats' campaign ended by Plymouth

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi's boys lacrosse season came to an end Saturday as host Plymouth earned an 8-6 win in the second round of the MHSAA Division 1 pre-regional.

Novi (9-9) took the first meeting May 14 between the two teams 10-7, but Plymouth (9-9) captured the rematch to advance to Wednesday's regional quarterfinal at No. 2 seed Brighton.

Anthony Zugaro tallied three goals and one assist, while Griffin Sparling and Nate Tu both added a goal and assist in a losing cause.

Matt Kigar had Novi's other goal, while assists went to Scott Latham, Chase Sparling and goalie Peter Miner, who finished with 14 saves.

FOREST HILLS CENTRAL 18, NORTHVILLE 3: In a non-conference match Saturday, host Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (15-2), ranked No. 2 in Division 1, rolled over the Mustangs (10-7).

Connor Sweeney had a goal and assist, while Josh Bentley and Harry Dyson both had a goal for Northville. Zach Tardich also drew an assist.

DETROIT CC 17, OKEMOS 10: Alex Jarzembowski won 25 face-offs as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (13-4) outgunned the Chieftains (14-2) in a non-league game May 17 between top 10-ranked teams.

Rocco Mulatroni led the way six goals, while Brennan Kamish added four goals and two assists for the Shamrocks.

Pete Thompson contributed two goals and one assist, while Justin Baker finished with a goal and assist.

LAKE ORION 13, NOVI 9: Despite two goals and three assists from Anthony Zugaro, the Wildcats (9-8) fell in a non-league match May 17 to the host Dragons (15-1).

Other offensive contributions came from Griffin Sparling (two goals, one assist), Nate Tu (two goals), Matt Kigar (one goal, one assist), Ian Patterson (one goal) and Chase Sparling (one goal).

Goalie Peter Miner made nine saves for Novi.

GIRLS LACROSSE WRAP

Novi cruises by Northern in crossover

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Senior attacker Gina Salemi scored six goals May 16, leading host Novi to a convincing girls lacrosse KAAA crossover victory over Walled Lake Northern, 19-5.

Katie McMaster and Mya Brown both added three goals, while Emma Hixson and Rachel Bayer both had two as the Wildcats improved to 6-11 overall.

Other goal scorers for Novi included Alexa Cotter, Lauren Chapman and Hannah Richardson.

Goalie Mariah Smythe was solid in net with a .750 save percentage.

The Knights, who defeated Novi earlier this season 7-6, dropped to 5-11 overall.

NOVI 13, SKYLINE 6: The host Wildcats (5-11) honored their three-member senior class May 13 and earned a non-conference victory over Ann Arbor Skyline (2-10).

Novi, which won the first meeting between the two teams March 30 by a 21-16 score, got three goals apiece from Katie McMaster and senior Lauren Chapman.

Senior Gina Salemi also scored twice, while Rachel Bayer, senior Cecilia Hong, Mya Brown and Emily Pringle all added one.

Junior goalie Mariah Smythe, who held the Eagles scoreless in the second half, posted a .770 save percentage.

BOYS GOLF

Novi third in KAAA tourney; LaFrance medals

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Consistency has been Justin LaFrance's trademark all season long.

The White Lake Lakeland senior proved it again as he earned individual medalist honors in the KAAA Association boys golf tournament Monday by firing 1-under 74, one shot ahead of Northville's Jimmy Dales.

Plymouth, which had four scorers shoot under 80, won the Association title with a four-player total of 307, with runner-up Hartland (314), Novi (315), Grand Blanc (318) and Northville (322) rounding out the top six in the 23-school field.

Jack Boczar and Jason Kapke both carded 75 to lead Plymouth, while James Baldwin and Kyle Kozler shot 78 and 79 to place 13th and 17th, respectively.

LaFrance, who is headed to Loyola (Ill.) University in the fall and was a U.S. Junior Amateur qualifier last summer, has won four tournaments this season and has only finished out of the top 10 once.

"He has been playing steady of late," Milford coach Hugh Felt said. "He played very smart golf out there, just a couple of hiccups that cost

him a few shots. But other than that, he was striking the ball very well."

LaFrance was 1-under through 13 holes before making a pair of bogeys, including one on the 18th.

Dale's 74 paced Northville, while Aaron Youmans also made the top 10 in ninth with 77. Joey Auty (47th, 85), along with Dominic Marselese and Abhi Alluri (54th, 86 each) rounded out the Mustangs' contingent.

Novi's Derek DuBois also tied for third with 75, while Ryan Welch and Mike Ulle shot 77 and 79 to place ninth and 17th, respectively.

KAAA ASSOCIATION BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT May 23 at Tanglewood G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 307 strokes; 2. Hartland, 314; 3. Novi, 315; 4. Grand Blanc, 318; 5. Howell, 321; 6. Northville, 322; 7. Pinckney, 323; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 325; 9. Walled Lake Central, 327; 10. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Brighton, 33; 12. White Lake Lakeland, 335

; 13. Salem, 337; 14. Canton, 349; 15. Livonia Churchill, 355; 16. Waterford Kettering, 365; 17. South Lyon, 366; 18. South Lyon East, 370; 19. Walled Lake Western, 379; 20. Millford, 385; 21. Livonia Franklin, 387; 22. Wayne Memorial, 456; 23. Westland John Glenn, 374.

Individual medalist: Justin LaFrance (Lakeland), 1-over 73.

Novi scorers: 3. Derek DuBois, 75; 9. Ryan Welch, 77; 17. Mike Ulle, 79; 40. Trevor Angel, 84; 67. Aakash Jajoo, 88; 81. Michael Groedel, 91.

Northville scorers: 2. Jimmy Dales, 74; 2. Aaron Youmans, 77; 47. Joey Auty, 85; 54. (tie) Dominic Marselese and Abhi Alluri, 86 each; 61. Max Antilla, 87.

Lakeland scorers: 1. Justin LaFrance, 73; 35. Blake Kocsis, 83; 67. Ben Cohen, 88; 81. Adam Kleckner, 91; 85. Jesse Smithers, 92; 94. Spencer Sienkiewicz, 94.



CHRIS CRONIN

Northville's Jimmy Dales took runner-up honors in the KAAA Association tourney with 74.

South Lyon scorers: 78. (tie) Jason Ting, Noah Arvo and Noah Markham, 90 each; 96. Zach VanBoven, 103; 97. Charles Nelson and Evan Monteith, 108 each.

South Lyon East scorers: 35. A.J. Clark, 83; 61. Nathan Smith, 87; 81. Max Hoorn, 91; 127. Mike Urban, 109; 130. Gavin McPherson, 112; Nick Reed, did not finish.

Milford scorers: 75. Owen Zamera, 89; 89. Zach Zaremba, 93; 96. Nick Corey, 103; 107. Grant McDonald, 107; Bailey Hess, DNF.

QUAD MEET RESULTS May 19 at Northville Hills G.C.

TEAM SCORES: Northville 159, Plymouth, 163; Novi, 166; Canton, 173.

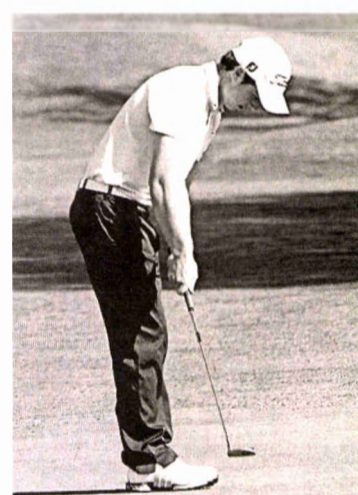
Northville scorers: Jimmy Dales, 37; Aaron Youmans, 39; Max Antilla, 40; Dominic Marselese, 42; Abhinav Alluri, 43; Drew Kearis, 49.

Plymouth scorers: Jason Kapke, 38; James Baldwin, 40; Matt Decker, 41; Logan Stefaniko and Kyle Kozler, 44 each; Joe Fontana, 47.

Novi scorers: Mike Ulle, 37 (medalist); Aakash Jajoo, 42; Ryan Welch and Trevor Angel, 43 each; Ryan Havens, 46; Derek DuBois, 51.

Canton scorers: Suhaz Potluri, 40; Phillip Conrad, 42; Dominic Dimaya, 45; Patrick McDougall, Brian Oldani and D.J. Jablonski, 46 each.

Dual match records: Northville, 7-0 Kensington Conference; Plymouth, 9-0 Kensington; Novi, 6-1 Kensington; Canton, 8-1 Kensington.



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Novi's Mike Ulle placed ninth in the KAAA Association tourney with 77.

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Northville captures pair on Armed Forces Day, splits with No. 1 Saline

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Northville High baseball team honored the military Saturday at home and came away with a pair of victories to improve to 22-5 overall.

After beating Lakeland in the opener, 4-3, the Mustangs downed West Bloomfield in the second game, 4-2 as winning pitcher Andrew Blazo went all seven innings, allowing just two hits and no walks while striking out five.

Junior shortstop Kevin Morrissey went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, while Aram Shahriegan was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Nate Wixon also knocked in a run.

"What an awesome day to have the opportunity to honor our armed forces," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "All of our planned events went well and we were able to



BRAD EMONS

A Chinook helicopter flew onto the campus of Northville High School from Grand Ledge as part of the varsity baseball team's Armed Forces Day, which included two games and a 5K run.

come out with two wins against two tough teams. Couldn't have asked for a better day. The pitching and defense were very solid in both games. Zach (Prystash) and Andrew (Blazo) did a great job on the mound, each throwing complete games."

SALINE 9-1, NORTHVILLE 2-5: On Monday, the host Hornets (27-5) and the Mustangs (23-6) split

a non-conference double-header. Top-ranked Saline won the opener, 9-4, as Sean O'Keefe was the winning pitcher going the first five innings. He struck out nine, walked two and allowed just two hits.

Cole Daniels went 2-for-2 for the Hornets. David Dillon, the Northville starter, took the loss as he gave up six runs in 3 1/3 innings. Diaz Saunderson had a 2-run double.

In the nightcap, Chris Dunn pitched a complete-game 5-hitter in a 5-1 Northville win. Dunn gave up seven hits and two walks while fanning four.

Mike Lionas went 2-for-3 and Jack Sargent had two RBIs.

FRANKLIN ROAD 16, CLAWSON 0: Shaun Moore and Daniel Weaver both went 3-for-3 with two RBIs Monday as Novi Franklin Road Christian

(14-7) took three innings to mercy the Trojans in a non-conference game.

Gavin Harris also went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Warriors.

LAKELAND 2, NOVI 1: Winning pitcher Bret Ligenfelter helped his own cause with the game-winning two-run single in the top of the seventh Saturday as White Lake Lakeland (18-11) downed the host Wildcats (20-14).

Ligenfelter went all seven innings, scattering eight hits. He struck out six and did not allow a walk. Sixty of his 79 pitches were strikes.

Losing pitcher Jack Reilly went six innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits and three walks. He struck out four before Alec Bageris came on in the seventh.

Mike Hrit went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Evan Yokie singled and Kyle Klosterman walked in the seventh before the potential game-winning run was cut down at the plate to end the game.

NORTHVILLE 4, LAKELAND 3: The Mustangs (21-5) scored all four runs in the first inning Saturday to beat visiting White Lake Lakeland (18-10-1) in a non-league battle of KAAA division champions.

Kevin Morrissey went 2-for-4, including an RBI single. Nate Wixon and Diaz Saunderson both had a run-scoring single.

Winning pitcher Zach Prystash went all seven innings, allowing six hits and no walks while striking out nine.

Losing pitcher Grant Smith went six innings, allowing five hits and two walks. He struck out three and had a two-run single. Cade Parmeter also contributed an RBI double.

NOVI 4, WEST BLOOMFIELD 3: Jack Reilly's RBI ground out to the pitcher scored Spencer VanKirk with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh Saturday to give the host Wildcats (20-13) the win over West Bloomfield.

Winning pitcher Jac Colliau and Scott Beaton both went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Alec Bageris also drove in a run for Novi, which overcame five errors.

Colliau went all seven innings, allowing no earned runs on four hits and one walk. He struck out four.

DETROIT CC 8, ADAMS 7: Senior Dante Toppi collected three hits and four RBIs Saturday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (15-14) outlasted Rochester Adams in a scheduled nine-inning game at Eastern Michigan University's Destrice Stadium.

Grant Hartwig, who pitched the final two innings in relief, earned the victory.

BRIGHTON 4, NOVI 3: Rodolfo Ramirez went 3-for-4 with three RBIs, including the game-winning RBI double in the bottom of the eighth inning, to lead the host Bulldogs (18-5-1) to a KAAA crossover win May 18 over the Wildcats (19-13).

Cameron Tullar, the winning pitcher, went all eight innings. The sophomore allowed three earned runs on four hits and a walk while striking out 10.

Novi starter Cam Czapski went the first seven innings before Alec Bageris, who gave up a pair of hits and the game-winning run, came on in the eighth.

Czapski, who made 100 pitches, scattered nine hits, walked one and struck out three in seven innings. Offensively, Jac Colliau went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Scott Beaton added an RBI double and Bageris had an RBI sacrifice fly for the Wildcats.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 7, FRANKLIN ROAD 0: Gavin Harris and Matt Lory had the lone hits May 17 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (12-5) fell to host Bloomfield Hills in a non-conference game.

But May 16 it was a different story as Franklin Road rolled to a 20-0 three-inning Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over Ann Arbor Greenhills as Lory went wild to the plate with a double, triple and grand slam for six RBIs.

Franklin Road is 5-3 in the MIAC Red.

REGIONAL

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Chloe Abbott, who figured in four firsts for a total of 25 points, anchored the victorious 1,600 relay team that finished in 1:42.87, with Brighton placing second in 1:44.58.

"It's just like the (Kensington) Conference meet, we knew (Livonia) Churchill would be a strong opponent and we knew today Brighton was going to give us a run for our money," Northville coach Tim Dalton. "Keeping score, we're behind with two events to go. That's something we talked to our kids about and were well aware and just believe the points will come and they did that. Hats off to our kids and hats off to Brighton ... wonderful program."

George and Mai Banks, Barrott's grandparents, proved to be a good luck charm.

"They came to regionals last year, so they're here for every regional meet," said Lexa Barrott, who also captured the 1,600 in 4:57.33. "It's cool they come all the way from England. They love watching us run. I think they're impressed every time they see me and my sister run, so it's really cool to show them what we do."

The 14-point swing in the 3,200 put the Mustangs well on their way to the team title.

"Our two-mile girls are something else," Lexa Barrott said. "We have such depth in the distance side. It's awesome to train with those girls every day and race with them. You feel so much more strong leading the race and you know there's four Northville girls behind you. It's such an awesome feeling ... big points."

"I lead and they hang on," she added with a chuckle, "and they don't mind it and I don't mind it. I know I'm pulling them and they're giving me energy behind me, so it works well."

Northville also scored 21 points in the 1,600 as Ana Barrott and Harp took fourth and fifth in 5:03.58 and 5:13.25, respectively, while Taylor Gattoni was seventh (5:32.14).

Abbott, meanwhile, was once again the team catalyst as she swept the 200 and 400 dashes in 24.34 and 54.95, respectively. She also anchored the Mustangs to wins in the 800 relay and the 1,600 relay (3:52.37).

"Lexa and Chloe are phenomenal," Dalton said. "They're (NCAA) Division I athletes going to Purdue and Indiana. It's going to be tough not having them next year. And that's something at the end that I told our kids was we may not win a regional title for a long, long time, so appreciate this and appreciate our upperclassmen and enjoy what they've done."

Northville's total of 121 points was slightly less than the 132-point regional championship total it accumulated in 2015, but it was more than enough.

"We got some points in the throws and long jump and the 100 (dash) that we weren't expecting, then we lose some points in other places, but it all works out at the end of the day," Dalton said. "We didn't have major gains or major losses. No hiccups; that's always a good thing. Pass the baton around and scored on our relays."

Rounding out the top five teams were White Lake Lakeland (79), Novi (62) and host Milford (61.14).

Lakeland's top performer was freshman Grace Stark, who captured the 100 dash (12.09) to go with second in the 100 hurdles (14.64). Brighton's Erin Dowd swept the 100 and 300 hurdles in 14.63 and 44.78, respectively.

Emma Neumann also was first for Lakeland in the pole vault (11 feet, 3 inches).

Milford had got firsts from Brynne Gustafson in the shot put (36-1) and Mallory Barrett in the 800 (2:15.61).

Meanwhile, Novi's Hannah Hood-Blaxill captured the high jump (5-2) on fewer misses. Other individual regional champions were Walled Lake Central's Jessica Rockwell in the discus (127-3) and Fenton's Madaline Hall in the long jump (17-5.75).

Walled Lake Northern captured the 400 relay (49.74), while Brighton won a highly competitive 3,200 relay (9:19.9) over Milford (9:22.5) and Northville (9:28.5).

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Northville's Chloe Abbott brings the baton home in the 800-meter relay.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD



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Novi's Nathan Hankerson (front) won the 100-meter regional title ahead of teammate Anthony D'Annibale (far right).

Dodge leads Western to Division 1 regional title

Novi places third, Northville fourth at Milford meet

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Just like the car, Walled Lake Western's Jack Dodge is the make and the model of a Challenger and a Charger all rolled into one.

The junior sprinter figured in four first-place finishes Friday to lead the Warriors to the MHSAA Division 1 regional boys track and field title at Milford.

Western scored 96 points, with Walled Lake Central (84), Novi (72), Northville (67) and Pinckney (52) rounding out the top five.

Dodge was victorious in the 110-meter hurdles (14.77) and 200 dash (21.68), while also running a leg on the Warriors' first-place 800 (1:30.16) and 1,600 (3:21.96) relay teams.

Western's other first came the 3,200 relay (7:56.6).

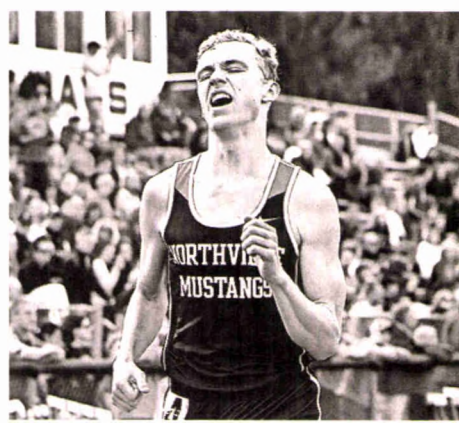
Central's top performer was Adetokunbo Ogundej, in the shot put (51 feet, 4.25 inches) and discus (177-9). The Vikings' Jake Amcheslavsky won the 300 hurdles (39.71).

Novi enjoyed a banner day, especially in the field events, as Scott Sawyer broke Paul Moote's 22-year-old school record of 6-7 in the high jump with a leap of 6-7.25 along with a first in the pole vault (school record 14-4).

Other individual winners for the Wildcats were Nathan Hankerson, who won the 100 dash (11.21), and Anthony D'Annibale, who broke his own school record in the 400 (49.47).

"The boys competed all the way through the last race of the night and the camaraderie was evident," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "As a coach, it was awesome watching the entire team on the edge of the seats and waiting to find out if Hunter Joy had qualified in the 300 hurdles (he was fifth in 40.14)."

Novi's 1,600 relay team earned an



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Northville's Kenny Goolsby was regional champion in the 1,600-meter run.

additional qualifying berth with fourth (3:25.13), as senior captain Josh Holcomb ran a 51.14 split to earn his first state finals berth.

Other regional champions included Lakeland's Jackson Grzymkowski, 800 (1:55.57); Northville's Kenny Goolsby, 1,600 (4:17.99); Fenton's Jacob Lee, 3,200 (9:16.9); and Northville's A.J. Abbott, long jump (21-0).

"Our boys are great," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "We decided as a program to concentrate on individual events. Our kids took care of business where we needed to."

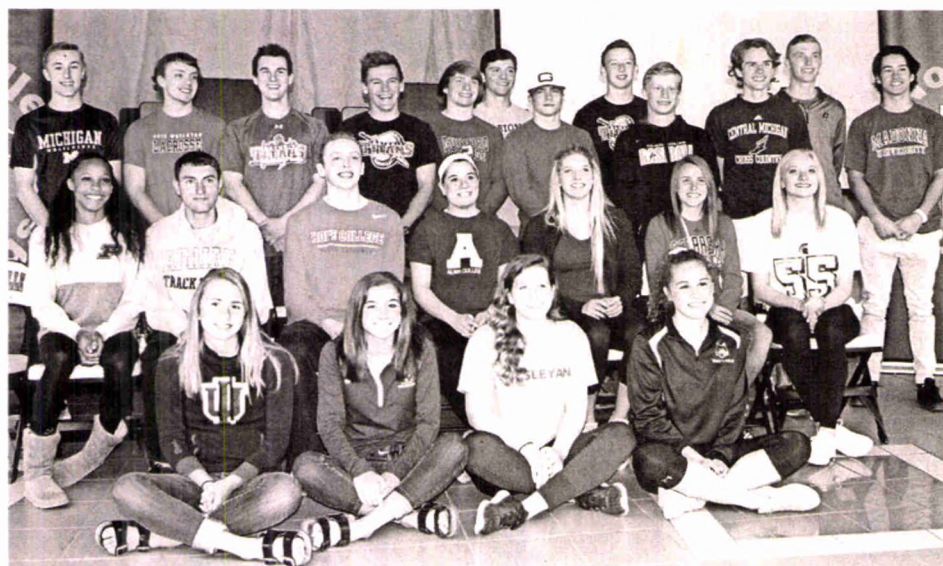
Walled Lake Northern's 400 relay team was first in 43.8.

The top placers in each of the 17 events automatically qualified for the Division 1 finals Saturday, June 4, in Hudsonville.

In the 3,200 run, nine other runners met the additional qualifying standard of 9:38.5.

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COLLEGE SIGNINGS



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Northville High School will be sending 27 student-athletes on to the collegiate ranks.

Northville student-athletes take talents to the next level

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville High School honored at total of 27 college-bound student athletes in a ceremony held last week in a before administrators, teachers, fellow students and family members.

Among those headed to compete in the Big Ten Conference are Connor Johnston, Michigan (tennis); Chloe Abbott, Purdue (track and field); Lexa Barrott, Indiana (cross country, track); Emma Worley, Nebraska (tennis); Anna Dazy, Michigan (pom); and Jocelyn Tucker, Michigan State (pom).

Other NCAA Division I recruits included Nick Toupin, Garret Weaver and Jake Reitzloff, University of Detroit Mercy (soccer); Conor Naughton and Kenny Goolsby, Central Michigan (cross country, track); and Lindsay Walters, Loyola (Ill.) University (track).

In football, Matt Komorovic (Hillsdale College) and Alex Angeles (Wayne

State) will play in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Among those headed to the NAIA ranks are Josh Bentley, Madonna University (lacrosse); Katie O'Malley, Union (Tenn.) College (volleyball); and Emily Boss, Indiana Wesleyan (soccer).

Meanwhile, there will be a large contingent of Mustangs playing in the NCAA Division III ranks, including Justin Gibbons, Hope College (basketball); Jennifer Kowalczyk, Alma College (golf); John Hamilton, Adrian College (track and field); Zach Prystash, Kalamazoo College (baseball); Emma Herrmann, Williams (Mass.) College (track); Brennan and Connor Sweeney, Guilford (N.C.) College (lacrosse); Harry Danton, Ohio Wesleyan (lacrosse); and Tyson Corsi and Jacob Accardo, Albion College (lacrosse).

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 7 TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

May 20 at Milford
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Walled Lake Western, 96 points; 2. Walled Lake Central, 84; 3. Novi, 72; 4. Northville, 67; 5. Pinckney, 54; 6. Brighton, 52; 7. White Lake Lakeland, 49; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 48; 9. South Lyon, 48; 10. Fenton, 32; 11. Howell; 12. Hartland, 21; 13. Novi Detroit Catholic Central; 19; 14. Milford, 11.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top two automatic state qualifiers)

Shot put: 1. Adetokunbo Ogundej (WLC), 51 feet, 4.25 inches; 2. Zach Confer (Lake), 50.5; 3. Evan Litch (Brighton), 50.2.5 (sq); 4. Paul Forhan (WLN), 48.8.5; 5. Christian Velkovich (WL), 47.2.5; 6. Austin Hanson (Howell), 46.6.25; 7. Chris Bradbury (Detroit CC), 46.5.5; 8. Matthew Young (Detroit CC), 45.3.5.

Discus: 1. Ogundej (WLC), 177.9; 2. Litch (Brighton), 153-11; 3. Eric Hamilton (Howell), 150-2 (sq); 4. Confer (Lake), 149-7.5 (sq); 5. Ryan Kalis (WLC), 141.2; 6. Bradbury (Detroit CC), 136-4; 7. Josh Remstad (SL), 128-10; 8. Stone Ruffin (SL), 127-10.

High jump: 1. Scott Sawyer (Novi), 6-7.25; 2. (tie) John Hamilton (N'ville) and Tyler Thompson (Hartland), 6-3 each (sq); 4. David Vella (Lake), 6-1; 5. Drew Miller (Fenton), 6-0; 6. Noah Grimm (Brighton), 6-0; 7. Chase Respond (Lake), 6-0; 8. Alec Hopkins (N'ville), 5-11.

Long jump: 1. A.J. Abbott (N'ville), 21-0; 2. Adam Rabaut (WLN), 20-8.5; 3. Connor Wolshleger (Pinckney), 20-0.5; 4. Jason Wooster (Lake), 20-0; 5. Ben Clay (WLC), 19-11.5; 6. Cody White (WLV), 19-10.75; 7. Kevin Jackson (WLV), 19-8.75; 8. Michael Woolridge (WLC), 19-7.25.

Pole vault: 1. Sawyer (Novi), 14-4; 2. Mike Mulrooney (WLN), 13-0; 3. Joe Albright (WLN), 13-0 (sq); 4. Nick Marous (Brighton), 12-6; Aaron Kruezel (Brighton), 12-6; 6. Travis Starr (SL), 12-6; 7. Clay Alexander (N'ville), 12-6; 8. Joel Graves (Fenton), 12-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Jack Dodge (WLV), 14.77; 2. Brandon Wiese (Pinckney), 15.04; 3. Jake Amcheslavsky (WLC), 15.08; 4. Kevin Schopa (SL), 15.19; 5. Andrew Levens (Detroit CC), 15.23; 6. Steve Hartlep (SL), 15.47; 7. Haden Kasdorf (Detroit CC), 15.73; 8. Duncan Sambiagio (Howell), 16.11.

300 hurdles: 1. Amcheslavsky (WLC), 39.71; 2. Wiese (Pinckney), 39.96; 3. Schopa (SL), 40.0 (sq); 4. Isaac Phillips (Milford), 40.05 (sq); 5. Hunter Joy (Novi), 40.14 (sq); 6. Max Zawisa (Brighton), 40.45; 7. Matt Ford (WLC), 41.33; 8. Robert Yee (Hartland), 41.38.

100 dash: 1. Nathan Hankerson (Novi), 11.21; 2. Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 11.32; 3. Similoluwa Oyinkolade (WLC), 11.35; 4. Kam Ford (WLV), 11.39; 5. Garrett Bowles (Brighton), 11.46; 6. Adam Rabaut (WLN), 11.53; 7. Ethan Rodriguez (WLC), 11.58; 8. Andrew Hezerny (N'ville), 11.73.

200: 1. Dodge (WLV), 21.68; 2. Adam Ghabra (N'ville), 22.9; 3. Bowles (Brighton), 22.71; 4. Jesse Williams (WLV), 22.89; 5. Hankerson (Novi), 22.93; 6. Zach West (Fenton), 23.18; 7. Chris Morgan (SL), 23.81; 8. Sean Pitcher (Novi), 24.32.

400: 1. D'Annibale (Novi), 49.47; 2. Ghabra (N'ville), 49.71; 3. Jerod Allen (SL), 50.08 (sq); 4. Logan Manning (WLC), 50.13 (sq); 5. Will Jontz (Brighton), 51.0; 6. Alexander Bossio (Howell), 51.68; 7. Kyle Thomas (WLV), 52.07; 8. Tyler Burrell (WLC), 53.01.

800: 1. Jackson Grzymkowski (Lake), 1:55.57; 2. Jackson Bleibrey (WLV), 1:56.28; 3. John Petruno (WLV), 1:57.18 (sq); 4. Thomas Smither (N'ville), 1:57.54 (sq); 4. Emmett Smrcka (Pinckney), 1:57.68 (sq); 6. Josh Deradorian (Milford), 1:58.53; 7. Lee Owens (Howell), 1:59.61; 8. Sam Donnelly (Howell), 2:00.31.

1,600: 1. Kenny Goolsby (N'ville), 4:17.99; 2. Grzymkowski (Lake), 4:19.21; 3. Bleibrey (WLV), 4:20.53 (sq); 4. John Petruno (WLV), 4:21.41 (sq); 5. Jared Hill (WLC), 4:21.57 (sq); 6. Dominic Dimabro (Fenton), 4:22.67 (sq); 7. Noah Kramer (Hartland), 4:23.21 (sq); 8. Matt Tarry (WLC), 4:26.42.

3,200: 1. Jacob Lee (Fenton), 9:16.9; 2. Connor Naughton (N'ville), 9:20.90; 3. Austin Wicker (Pinckney), 9:21.40 (sq); 4. Chip Osborne (Brighton), 9:23.0 (sq); 5. Joost Plaetnick (Novi), 9:27.0 (sq); 6. Ryan Talbott (Pinckney), 9:28.90 (sq); 7. Ben Cracraft (N'ville), 9:32.30 (sq); 8. Josh Nicerson (Hartland), 9:33.70 (sq); 9. Dakota Giles (Milford), 9:34.3 (sq); 10. John Landy (Novi), 9:34.6 (sq); 11. Andrew Bond (Fenton), 9:35.8 (sq).

400 relay: 1. Northern (Rabaut, Ramon Rogers, Chris Milner, Mike Nelson), 43.8; 2. Central (Oyinkolade, Chuckie Howard, Ethan Rodriguez, Ryan Harris), 44.22; 3. Hartland, 44.52; 4. Detroit CC, 45.49; 5. Brighton, 45.51; 6. Fenton, 45.53; 7. Howell, 45.53; 8. Northville, 45.55.

800 relay: 1. Western (Jesse Williams, Dodge, John Saieg, Thomas), 1:30.16; 2. Pinckney, 1:30.57; 3. Central, 1:30.98; 4. South Lyon, 1:32.81; 5. Hartland, 1:33.52; 6. Lakeland, 1:33.98; 7. Northville, 1:34.09; 8. Detroit CC, 1:34.62.

1,600 relay: 1. Western (Bleibrey, Thomas, Williams, 3:21.96; 2. Northern (Mike Towns, Jack McKenna, Dylan Moser, Mike Nelson), 3:23.34; 3. Pinckney, 3:24.96 (sq); 4. Novi (Joy, Nathaniel Wood, Josh Holcomb, D'Annibale), 3:25.13 (sq); 5. Central (Matt Sawyer, Amcheslavsky, Sam Barrett, Logan Manning), 3:26.37 (sq); 6. South Lyon, 3:27.93; 7. Northville, 3:28.79; 8. Milford, 3:29.71.

3,200 relay: 1. Western (Bleibrey, Petruno, Saieg, Thomas), 7:56.6; 2. Fenton (Mitchell Chabot, Luke Chabot, Dimabro, Jacob Lee), 7:58.3; 3. Novi (Wood, Scott MacPherson, Adam Diti, Plaetnick), 7:59.3 (sq); 4. Pinckney, 8:03.0 (sq); 5. Howell (Alexander Bossio David Mitter, Sam Donnelly, Lee Owens), 8:04.3 (sq); 6. Lakeland (Drew Wenger, Cody McComas, Hunter Lukas, Grzymkowski), 8:06.3; 7. Milford, 8:07.7; 8. Detroit CC, 8:28.4.

(sq): additional state qualifier.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 121.14; 2. Brighton, 108; 3. White Lake Lakeland, 79; 4. Novi, 62; 5. Milford, 61.14; 6. Walled Lake Central, 57; 7. Fenton, 53.14; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 47.14; 9. Walled Lake Western, 28; 10. Hartland, 26.14; 11. Pinckney, 12; 12. Howell, 4.28.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

(top two automatic state qualifiers)
Shot put: 1. Brynne Gustafson (Milford), 36 feet, 1 inch; 2. Sjojourney Myers (WLN), 35-7.5; 3. Reina Troxell (Lake), 34-8.5; 4. Taky Ezell (WLC), 33-2.25; 5. Emma Hammele (Novi), 32-8; 6. Hannah McBride (Novi), 32-5; 7. Sara Ismail (N'ville), 32-0.25; 8. Jessica Rockwell (WLC), 31-6.5.

Discus: 1. Rockwell (WLC), 127-3; 2. Ezell (WLC), 117-3; 3. Troxell (Lake), 116-8; 4. Gustafson (Milford), 114-6; 5. Hammele (Novi), 103-5; 6. Marissa Dunn (Novi), 103-5; 7. Myers (WLN), 99-5; 8. Paige Karbowski (WLN), 99-2.

High jump: 1. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-2; 2. Erin Keller (Lake) 5-2; 3. Alexandria Robinson (WLV), 5-2 (sq); 4. Jaya Wesley (Hartland), 5-2 (sq); 5. Ellen Harper (Pinckney), 5-0; 6. (tie) Nicole Burcon (Pinckney), Kate Prisy (Novi), Abby Sachs (WLC), Emma Sheehan (N'ville), Zayne George (SL), Nadia Bouwhuis (Brighton), 4-10 each.

Long jump: 1. Madaline Hall (Fenton), 17-5.75; 2. Kirin Tate (WLV), 17-4.75; 4. Prisy (Novi), 16-11 (sq); 5. Shannon McGrath (Brighton), 16-10.75 (sq); 6. Emily Anderson (N'ville), 16-5.5; 7. Sophia Calkin (WLC), 16-0.5; 8. Erin McCallum (N'ville), 16-0.5.

Pole vault: 1. Emma Neumann (Lake), 11-3; 2. Elle Zimmerman (Hartland), 10-0; 3. Kirsten McGahan (Brighton), 9-9; 4. Hammele (Novi), 9-6; 5. Hannah Chapin (Fenton), 9-6; 7. Sam Solak (WLN), 8-6; 8. (tie) Zeinab (Fenton), Brianna Murson (WLN), Charlie Amerson (Hartland), Alyssa Stultz (Milford), Emma Atkins (Howell), Elizabeth Grika (Howell), Daryn Lobingier (N'ville), 8-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Erin Dowd (Brighton), 14.63; 2. Grace Stark (Lake), 14.64; 3. Karena Roest (Novi), 15.81; 4. Paige Cary (Milford), 16.28; 5. Nina Lombard (Fenton), 16.36; 6. Elexa Chapman (WLC), 16.46; 7. Alexandra Pringle (Novi), 16.84; 8. Brittany Moeller (Novi), 16.86.

300 hurdles: 1. Dowd (Brighton), 44.78; 2. Katie Krumm (WLN), 46.61; 3. Haley Rathwell (Lake), 47.11 (sq); 4. Karena Roest (Novi), 47.68; 5. Zeinab Torabi (Fenton), 48.03; 6. Cary (Milford), 49.24; 7. Sam Solak (WLN), 49.39; 8. Catherine Stone (Pinckney), 49.93.

100 dash: 1. Stark (Lake), 12.09; 2. McGrath (Brighton), 12.14; 3. Madaline Hall (Fenton), 12.55 (sq); 4. Anna Bauer (WLN), 12.60 (sq); 5. Dominique (WLV), 12.95; 6. Kayla Savage (Novi), 12.97; 7. McCallum (N'ville), 13.04; 8. Yasmine Affes (N'ville), 13.21.

200: 1. Chloe Abbott (N'ville), 24.34; 2. McGrath (Brighton), 25.2; 3. Cassidy Newburg (Brighton), 25.65 (sq); 4. Marisa Sailus (Lake), 25.65 (sq); 5. Lindsay Walters (N'ville), 26.20; 6. Mion Weldon (WLC), 26.71; 7. Cassie Campbell (Fenton), 26.90; 8. Kirin Tate (WLV), 27.28.

400: 1. Abbott (N'ville), 54.95; 2. Newburg (Brighton), 57.52; 3. Walters (N'ville), 57.78 (sq); 4. Sailus (Lake), 58.14 (sq); 5. Michelle Moraitis (Hartland), 59.06 (sq); 6. Maggie Simonich (Brighton), 59.80; 7. Morgan Kloosterman (N'ville), 1:00.89; 8. Yasmine Affes (N'ville), 1:01.26.

800: 1. Mallory Barrett (Milford), 2:15.61; 2. Jeanne Hill (WLC), 2:17.44; 3. Cambria Tiemann (Fenton), 2:17.75 (sq); 4. Sarah Ausum (Milford), 2:18.08 (sq); 5. Sam Fusik (Brighton), 2:18.18 (sq); 6. Maddie Brown (Brighton), 2:18.57 (sq); 7. Maggie Rapp (Pinckney), 2:20.30; 8. Jenna Keiser (Fenton), 2:20.57.

1,600: 1. Lexa Barrott (N'ville), 4:57.33; 2. Victoria Heigenthal (Milford), 4:58.78; 3. Madeline Rehm (Lake), 5:03.29 (sq); 4. Ana Barrott (N'ville), 5:03.58 (sq); 5. Olivia Harp (N'ville), 5:13.25; 6. Katherine Ray (Novi), 5:26.76; 7. Taylor Gattoni (N'ville), 5:32.14; 8. Maddie Haas (Pinckney), 5:34.10.

3,200: 1. L. Barrott (N'ville), 10:52.47; 2. A. Barrott (N'ville), 10:53.32; 3. Jenna Sica (Brighton), 10:53.89 (sq); 4. Kirsten McGahan (Brighton), 11:04.48 (sq); 5. Cayla Eckenroth (N'ville), 11:08.33 (sq); 6. Olivia Harp (N'ville), 11:10.31 (sq); 7. Isabella Garcia (Pinckney), 11:17.03; 8. Nicole Grindling (Milford), 11:18.20.

400 relay: 1. Northern (Brandi Kroll, Krumm, Grace Markey, Bauer), 49.74; 2. Fenton, 50.24; 3. Northville, 50.85; 4. Lakeland, 51.25; 5. Novi, 51.25; 6. Central, 51.42; 7. Hartland, 51.64; 8. Western, 52.15.

800 relay: 1. Northville (Savannah Manley, Walters, McCallum, Abbott), 1:42.87; 2. Brighton (Sydney Herington, Erin Dowd, Brielle Mayday, Feleisty Norris), 1:44.58; 3. Fenton (Hall Cassie Campbell, Hannah Sage, Zeinab Torabi), 1:44.91 (sq); 4. Northern (Avery Wissmueller, Markey, Bauer, Kroll), 1:45.52 (sq); Lakeland, 1:46.21; 6. Novi, 1:47.43; 7. Central, 1:48.15; 8. Western, 1:51.52.

1,600 relay: 1. Northville (Morgan Kloosterman, Affes, Walters, Abbott), 3:52.37; 2. Brighton (Brown, Dowd, Newburg, Simonich), 3:54.21; 3. Milford (Sarah Ausum, Heigenthal, Abby Knapp, Barrett), 3:58.39 (sq); 4. Hartland (Lauren Smith, Samantha Fritz, Miranda Tomlins, Moraitis), 4:05.58 (sq); 5. Northern (Alexandra Knight Kroll, Krumm, Bauer), 4:06.52 (sq); 6. Central, 4:08.31; 7. Fenton, 4:11.32; 8. Western, 4:16.86.

3,200 relay: 1. Brighton (Simonich, Brown, Fusik, Sica), 9:19.90; 2. Milford (Ausum, Heigenthal, Knapp, Barrett), 9:22.5; 3. Northville (A. Barrott, Emma Herrmann, Eckenroth, L. Barrott), 9:28.5 (sq); 4. Pinckney (Abby Hackett, Noelle Adriaens, Allie Hartstang, Erika Rapp), 9:40.7 (sq); 5. Howell, 10:46.4; 6. Hartland, 11:15.5.

(sq): additional state qualifier.

GIRLS SOCCER

Novi gets desired result; tie leads to division title

Host Cougars play tough in stalemate

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A tie was good enough May 17 for Novi to claim the KLAA Central Division girls soccer title outright.

The Wildcats settled for a 1-1 draw with division spoiler South Lyon East, but captured the top spot with a 6-1-3 record for 21 points following second-place Northville's 2-2 draw with Salem.

Northville finished its division season at 5-1-4 (19 points).

"I guess it's nice knowing now we won the division and don't have to share it and no co-champs like last year," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "The biggest thing we take from this is the learning and how to apply this to the state tournament going forward."

Novi, 8-1-6 overall, was on upset alert after East's Amber Hamers found the back of the net off an assist from Katherine Crapps with only 28:38 left.

But just 1:11 later, Katrina Koomen's 35-yard free kick from the right flank eluded East goalie Abby Jones to make it 1-1.

The Wildcats, who stepped up their pressure after Hamer's goal, had two golden chances during the final 16 minutes, but couldn't score the go-ahead goal.

"You're always happy to tie against Novi. They're one of the premier programs in the state," East coach Jon Cadwallader said. "For our school, it's always a big thing when you can get that sort of result against them."

Host East played an in-



AMANDA O'TOOLE

South Lyon East's Paige Green (left) and Novi's Julia Stadtherr go up simultaneously for the header.

the time at practice that we cannot take an opponent based on what you played the last time. It was 5-1 (Novi) and I think some of the players came in and said, 'Oh, this is going to be easy.' Anything can happen on any given day. We've only been beat once, but we've tied six times."

It wasn't until the Wildcats got down a goal that they decided to step up their attack even more.

"The feeling on the field from the players is that everything is going to work out for us ... we're outshooting them 15-3 and we're going to get one," Pheiffer said. "It happened twice against Salem. Until (East) scored, that's kind of when the light came on. Once they scored, I saw seven or eight players' eyes just get wide. And that sense of urgency picked up and then we go right down and get a goal."

And when Koomen was brought up to get more involved in the offense, the action got more pronounced in the Cougars' end. Her free kick from just outside the 18-yard box with 1:23 left proved to be Novi's last hurrah as Jones calmly made the save.

"We tried to take her out of the game as much as we can in the flow of play," Cadwallader said of the Novi senior. "I think one of the things they ended up doing was getting her up on the ball all the time. When you have an attacking player like that - although she's a defender - she's a fantastic player."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats went on to defeat KLAA South champ Canton, 3-1, for the Kensington Conference championship.

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spiriting match while honoring its four seniors at halftime: Hamers, Alex Callan, Paige Green and Savannah Maas.

"We went up on them 1-0 and they answered right away, but we battled and we fought," Cadwallader said. "It's our team; we keep fighting and

staying in games."

East, 3-6-8 overall and 1-4-5 in the division (eight points), might be the best fifth-place team in all of the four divisions in the 24-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"We have six results out of 10 games for our school with

only 900 kids. It's pretty good for us," Cadwallader said.

"It was a learning experience and that's the most important thing," Pheiffer said, "We're disappointed and, yeah, it's not the result we expected showing up, especially after the last result. But we talk all

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Draw denies Mustangs share of Central crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville's bid to get a piece of the KLAA Central Division girls soccer title came up two points short May 17 as the host Mustangs settled for a 2-2 draw with Salem.

Northville, 7-6-5 overall and 5-1-4 (19 points) in the division, finished second behind outright champion Novi (6-1-3, 21 points).

Before the game, Northville honored its seven seniors, including Emily Boss, Kelsey Estes, Ryann Kearney, Sarah Park, Maddy Westenberg, Abby Henzi and Alissa Moore.

Salem (5-5-6, 3-3-4) struck first just five minutes into the match off a scrum, when sophomore Anna Faybrick converted a last touch ball through a sea of Northville defenders following a corner kick from the left flank.

With 12:47 remaining half, Northville would knot the score at 1-1 on sophomore Megan Krygier's goal off an assist from junior Megan Williams.

Six minutes later, Northville's offensive pressure would earn a corner kick as Park split two defenders and headed home a goal from Estes, who played a high long cross to the back post to make it 2-1.

But with only three minutes remaining until halftime, Salem's Katie Coleman would answer off a restart when she got a head onto the first bounce with a header to make



CHRISTINE HENZI

Northville goalie Abby Henzi stopped a breakaway shot in a 2-2 tie against Salem on senior night.

it 2-2.

The second half was back and forth, with both teams searching for the game-winner, but the end result would remain a tie.

Henzi played the first half in goal for Northville making four saves, including a stop on a one-on-one breakaway. Sophomore Carlie Castiglione came on in the second half and had two saves.

NORTHVILLE 2, CHURCHILL 1: Nikki Buie's goal with 1:22 remaining in the first half proved to be the game-winner May 18 as the Mustangs (8-6-5) turned back host Livonia Churchill (7-5-3) in a third-place Kensington Conference crossover.

Churchill got on the board first at the seven-minute mark on Sara Taylor's goal off a corner kick from Lauren Wynms, but Northville tied it with 18:25 left in the first half on a goal by Roan Haines off a corner kick from Kendall Dillon.

Alissa Moore then made a touch pass to Buie, who buried a shot from 17 yards out inside the side netting to make it 2-1.

Northville goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione made three saves.

Madness go 6-0



RICHARD CUMMINGS

The 14-and-under Madness '02 girls softball team overcame rain, snow, sleet and low temperatures to win six straight games to earn the National Softball Association Spring is Eternal tournament, held May 14-15 in Novi. The Madness, who outscored their opponents, 59-12, captured their fourth title in five tournaments while improving to 48-6 overall. Team members include (front row, from left): Grace Nieto, Cassidy Brendtke, Kylie Millhorn, Shae Scott and McKenna King and (back row, from left) Gaby Cummings, Chelsea Collins, Stephanie Schmunck, Bella Brass, Karlie Moore, Abbey Barta and Sierra Kersten.

WILDCATS

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50th minute.

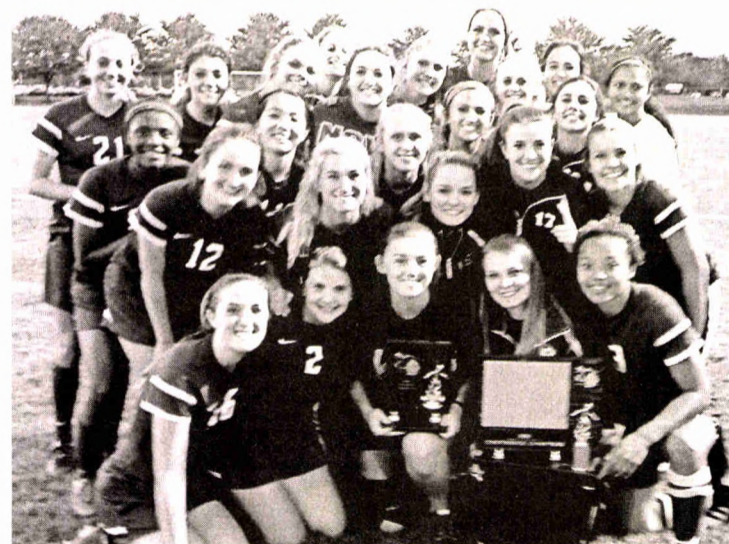
Just four minutes later, defenseman Katrina Koomen sent a bullet pass inside the box, where an opportunistic Jessie Bandyk decided to go head-first to register the game-winner.

"I just felt that I was going to take one for the team, even if this might hurt a little bit," Bandyk said. "I really had the mindset that I wanted that goal."

With 10 minutes to spare, Chloe Allen added an insurance goal, courtesy of a pinpoint chip from just inside midfield by Julia Stadtherr. Patiently waiting outside the box, Allen maneuvered around a defender before giving the ball a finishing touch.

"That's one thing these girls have done great all season is how we respond," Pheiffer said. "In the first half, we created a lot of opportunities, but unfortunately we couldn't get the ball in the back of the net. We give up the goal - it's been a couple games in a row now where the other team scores first - and then we wake up and the sense of urgency kicks in."

Canton (11-1-4) took the initial lead in the 19th minute, moments after a free kick that saw the ball bounce around



TOM MORELLI

The Novi girls soccer team beat Canton, 3-1, to earn its first Kensington Conference title since 2011.

between both teams before senior Mary Galm ended the play with a wallop from 30 yards out.

The biggest challenge for the Chiefs, however, was matching the speed of their opponent over the course of the game, as Novi held a 14-3 advantage in shots on net.

"Novi's really fast," Canton coach Jeannine Reddy said. "I told my girls from the beginning of the game that it's going to be a different type of team today and I think they got caught off-guard."

The Wildcats, who also

recently earned their third Central Division title in four years, hit the road to face last year's Division 1 runner-up in Grand Blanc on the road next Wednesday for the KLAA Association championship.

Pheiffer believes that his tight-knit group has shown time and again that anything is possible.

"We are capable of coming back from anything," he said. "When we put our mind to it, we're a very good team. When we play together and listen to each other, I don't think there's anybody we can't compete with in the state."

PREP SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Novi bounces Lakeland, 8-6

Wildcats capture KLAA crossover against Eagles

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The hits just kept on coming May 18 as host Novi scored in every inning to beat White Lake Lakeland in a KLAA softball crossover, 8-6.

Hope Kapelanski paced the Wildcats' 14-hit attack with three hits and three RBIs, while Jaimie Gustitus contributed two hits and two RBIs.

Nicole Ireland, Sophie Rallis, and Allison Purteill each added two hits.

Winning pitcher Madison

Budde, a senior, went all seven innings, scattering 14 hits and three walks as she improved to 18-5 on the season. Budde struck out three as Novi improved to 23-9 overall.

Losing pitcher Teresa Menzel went 4-for-5 with an RBI to lead Lakeland (25-8), while Chase Schultz, Brooke Beale and Mary Zimmerman added two hits apiece.

FRANKLIN ROAD 20, GREENHILLS 1 (3): Senior Hannah Rayburn and junior Danielle Fusco both collected two hits and two RBIs Monday as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-4, 7-1) routed Ann Arbor Greenhills in an MIAC Red Division game.

Senior Alex Swaffield contributed two hits and an RBI as the Warriors took advantage of numerous walks and seven errors by the Gryphons. Winning pitcher Kayla Nannoshi allowed two hits.

The Warriors will host first-place Southfield Christian at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, for the MIAC Red crown.

What you need to know about new overtime rule

Todd Spangler
Michigan.com

The final rule announced last week by the U.S. Labor Department updates the Fair Labor Standards Act's overtime regulations, meaning that beginning Dec. 1, most salaried white-collar workers making up to \$47,476 annually — or \$913 a week — will be entitled to receive overtime pay for hours worked in excess of 40 hours a week.

Here are some details

» The Fair Labor Standards Act's overtime rule already requires pay at one-and-a-half times the regular rate for hours worked in excess of 40 hours a week, except in certain instances. For instance, most hourly workers are already required to receive overtime pay while others, like doctors, teachers and lawyers,

aren't guaranteed those protections.

» Last week's change updates a long-standing overtime exemption for salaried workers deemed — through something called a "duties test" — to primarily perform executive, administrative or professional duties who also make above a certain annual or weekly salary threshold.

» By increasing the salary threshold for the overtime exemption from \$23,660 annually or \$455 a week, to \$47,476 annually or \$913 a week, beginning Dec. 1, it means that some 4 million more white-collar salaried workers — including more than 101,000 in Michigan — could now be eligible for OT pay.

» The change doesn't guarantee anyone overtime pay: companies could always increase workers' base salaries beyond the threshold, so

that the exemption kicks in again, or reduce scheduled hours to no more than 40 hours a week. (Employers can also use bonuses, incentives and commissions — as long as they are paid at least quarterly — to count toward up to 10 percent of the exemption threshold.)

» Not everyone is covered by the change, but it's a large pool: FLSA protections apply to workers for private businesses with sales of more than \$500,000 a year; anyone engaged in commerce; federal, state and local government employees; and nonprofit entities.

There's nothing in the new rule that requires newly eligible employees to have their pay converted to an hourly wage or force them to punch a time clock to record their hours.

For information, go to www.dol.gov/whd/overtime/final2016/.

Michigan jobless rate unchanged for April

John Gallagher
Michigan.com

Michigan added 6,000 jobs in April and the state's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.8 percent as the state's workforce continued to expand.

The state's unemployment rate in April was two-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate of 5 percent. The U.S. jobless rate was also unchanged from March to April.

"Michigan's labor market in early 2016 has continued to strengthen," said Jason Palmer, director of the Michigan Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Payroll jobs have recorded solid gains every month, while individuals continue to enter the workforce on a monthly basis."

Month-to-month gains were notched in manufacturing, which gained 7,000 jobs in April, professional and business services (up 5,000) and education and health services (up 4,000). Somewhat offsetting the gains were job losses in several other categories, including construction, leisure and hospitality services, government and trade, transportation and utilities.

Overall, the state's

labor markets continued to improve. Michigan's jobless rate topped 14 percent during the Great Recession, but since then has recovered significantly. The April rate of 4.8 percent continued to better the national rate of 5 percent, an unusual position for a Michigan labor market that for years trailed the nation's pace.

In Michigan's evolving labor markets, month-to-month changes can obscure some long-term trends. Michigan's manufacturing sector now totals about 603,000 factory jobs — well recovered from the depths of the Great Recession, but still far less than the nearly 900,000 factory jobs available in the state in the late 1990s.

In the same way, both the construction industry and furniture makers in western Michigan have shown a good recovery since the recession, but each sector remains below their more robust pre-recessionary levels of employment.

Many fields have openings going unfilled. A shortage of trained construction workers looms as the baby boom generation retires. Industry leaders say Michigan's contractors are worried about finding enough carpenters, elec-

tricians, plumbers, pipefitters and other trades in years to come.

Two other sectors, professional and business services and educational and health services, have more than recovered. They now outrank even manufacturing as mainstays of Michigan's labor economy, each totaling more than 660,000 jobs, well above not only the level during the Great Recession but also their pre-recessionary levels of employment.

Indeed, recruiters from the educational field told a recent job fair at Eastern Michigan University that openings for teachers at various levels now far outnumber the candidates, with demand particularly high for Spanish teachers and social studies. Nurses have remained in continued demand for many years.

And some geographic areas are doing better than the state as a whole. University of Michigan economists George Fulton and Donald Grimes forecast earlier this month that unemployment in Oakland County will dip to 4.2 percent this year and drop to 3.3 percent in 2018, levels likely to remain below both the state and national levels.

Genisys Credit Union named among top 50

S&P Global Market Intelligence has named Genisys Credit Union one of the Top 50 "Best Performing" Credit Unions in the United States.

"Genisys is proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the dedication and effort that our board, management and team devote every day to making Genisys a safe, sound, and successful financial

institution," Jackie Buchanan, president and CEO, Genisys Credit Union, said in a press release.

Genisys Credit Union is one of three Michigan credit unions to make the top 50 list, ranking 13th nationwide. Genisys is the only credit union in the Detroit area, as well as the entire east side of Michigan, to make the list.

S&P Global Market

Intelligence is a provider of financial information. It bases its ratings on five metrics, including member growth, net charge-off as a percentage of loans, efficiency ratio, asset quality and market growth.

The credit union has branches in White Lake (3671 Highland Road), Commerce Township (2445 Union Lake Road) and Wixom (160 Wixom Road), among others.

New ownership



Members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce helped celebrate the grand reopening of Anytime Fitness in Novi under new ownership. The training center is located at 47980 Grand River Avenue, across from Providence Park Hospital. Guests enjoyed food, networking and tips from health and wellness experts. Pictured are (from left): Rachel Lethorn with Juice Plus; Tamika Heard with Sam's Club; Jaimie Smola with Dynamic Health Chiropractic; Brittany May; Patrick May, new Anytime Fitness owner; Carol Copping, Anytime Fitness member; Monica DiCola with Monthly Shopper; Cindy Moilanen; Jen Berger, Anytime Fitness staff; Dr. Robert Burns with Novi Doctors of Physical Therapy; Shawn-Michael Fields, Anytime Fitness trainer; and Dave Moilanen, Anytime Fitness trainer.

Graduation should be a beginning

It's that time again, when high school and college students are graduating. First, I want to congratulate all of the graduates and their families and wish them success in the future. I would also like to remind the graduates that, even though their formal education may be ending, it doesn't mean they can put education on the back burner. It doesn't work that way. We live in an ever-changing world and it is important to constantly re-educate yourself. If you don't have a commitment to continuing education, you may find you're falling behind and that's not something you want to do. I would encourage all graduates to not look at graduation as an end to their education, but a new beginning.

One thing I always tell young adults is that the best investment they can ever make is a good education. When I graduated high school and college, as a society, we were competing for jobs against Ohio and Indiana. Today, we are competing for jobs across the world. One thing that will distinguish you from your competition is a good education. I encourage all graduates to continue their education, particularly those who are graduating high school. The day of being able to graduate high school and find a good paying job is over. It's imperative for



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

high school graduates to continue their education. Whether it is a four-year college, community college or even a trade school, you must dedicate yourself to continue your education. Those who only get a high school degree may find they're permanently locked into low-paying jobs. Even if money is an issue, you must find a way to continue your education.

Because it is graduation season, many of us are looking at what to buy the graduate. For most people, giving cash or a gift card is certainly the easiest way of going; the question is whether it is the best way of going. I don't think so. For those of you looking for a gift for a high school graduate, why not give something that will help them continue their education? Friends and family of a high school graduate can get together and open an education savings plan for the graduate. The Michigan Education Savings Plan (www.misaves.com) is a great vehicle for this. In fact, something I recommend is that high school graduates' families set up a Michigan Education Savings Plan account and

then let family and friends know that a contribution to that account would be appreciated. I recognize the graduate may not be overly thrilled and would certainly rather have cash or a gift card. However, what the graduate needs should be more important than what they want. In today's challenging economic conditions, helping someone with their future education is a gift that will pay dividends well into the future.

For the college graduate, think about some sort of gift, whether a book or a software package, that will teach the graduate good financial skills. One thing I constantly see is college graduates entering the real world with no skills when it comes to managing their personal financial affairs. As a result, even if they earn a good living, the absence of financial skills can doom them.

Once again, I want to congratulate graduates and their families on a job well done and remind them that education is a life-long pursuit.

Good luck!

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

Town Center Gardens (PZ16-0019) 26150 Novi Road, north of Grand River Ave. and east of Novi Road, Parcels # 50-22-14-351-057, 50-22-14-351-058. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.25.D to allow construction of a new commercial building with reduced parking setbacks on the north (20 feet required, 9.8 feet proposed), on the east (20 feet required, 9.4 feet proposed) and on the south (20 feet required, 0.0 feet proposed). The property is zoned TC.

Durr Systems (PZ16-0020) Parcel 50-22-26-126-001, east of Novi Road and south of 10 Mile Road. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19.2.F to allow location of a dumpster enclosure in the side yard of an existing parcel recently reoccupied and proposed for alteration. The parcel is zoned I-1.

Houghton (PZ16-0021) 1921 West Lake Drive, south of 14 Mile Road and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-03-131-025. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5.d to allow construction of a new home on an existing non-conforming lot with reduced side yard setbacks (10 feet required, 4.0 feet proposed), aggregate side setback (25 feet required, 8 feet proposed), an increase in the allowable lot coverage of 11% (36% proposed, 25% allowed) and a variance from section 3.23.8 to allow additional projection into the reduced side yard setback (2.0 ft. proposed, 0.67ft. allowed). The property is zoned R-4.

City of Novi (PZ16-0022) 26900 Beck Road and 47277 Grand River, south Grand River and east of Beck Road, Parcels # 50-22-16-151-012 and 50-22-16-151-010. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.12.D to allow a 10.0 ft. reduction in the required front setback measured from the existing 100 foot wide dedicated right-of-way along the Beck Road and Grand River frontage so the City's proposed Highway Easement does not impact future development of the parcels. The property is zoned B-3.

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SYNOPSIS MAY 19, 2016 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, May 19, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Amended Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Swearing in of Deputy Director Mutchler and Interim Deputy Director Siegal — Sworn into the Record of Oaths
 - Reappointment of Joe Vig to the Building Department Board of Appeals — Approved
 - Reappointment of Carla Testani to the Zoning Board of Appeals — Approved
 - Resolution — The Northville Garden Club's 80th Anniversary — Approved
- Public Hearing: None**
- Brief Public Comments:** Two audience members addressed the Board.
- New Business:**
 - Meadowbrook Fireworks Permit — Approved
 - Water & Sewer Rate Approval — Approved
 - Detective Bureau Vehicle Purchase — Approved
 - Printer Purchase (2) — Building & Finance — Approved
 - AKT Peerless — P.D. Capital Improvement — Approved
 - Temporary Sign Request — Northville Christian Assembly — Approved
 - Proposed Pathway Initiative — Discussion
- Unfinished Business:**
 - Parks & Recreation Master Plan — Approved
- Ordinances:**
 - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Article 20 (Development Options) — Introduction
- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$1,686,669.43 for the period of 4/9/16 to 5/6/16 — Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider.
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

This is a synopsis, the draft minutes will be available May 31, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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Realtor from Royal Oak lauded at Caregiver Appreciation Day

Deborah O'Leary of Royal Oak received a Caregiver Angels Award at the MORC Caregiver Appreciation Day. O'Leary, a Realtor with Fine and Monaghan Realtors in Royal Oak, was responsible for securing tens of thousands of dollars worth of furniture for people with disabilities and their families over the last several years.

Because of her, many have comfortable couches to relax in, refrigerators to keep their food safe and warm beds for cold Michigan nights.

O'Leary would herself help haul heavy furniture items from basements and upper floors and load them in the trucks. MORC Caregiver honorees receive a large glass-like award, a Carhartt jacket with their name and Caregiver Angel on it and a check for \$250.

A caregiver for people with disabilities who became blind six months ago and her daughter with autism were greeted by a cheering, clapping, crying crowd of 900 caregivers as they modeled in the MORC Caregiver Fashion Show, part of the 34th annual Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC) Caregiver Appreciation Day on Thursday, May 12, at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township.

Kristina Blarek, 25, of Warren, a caregiver for seven years with Integrated Living of Sterling Heights, suddenly became blind while driving to her caregiving job in November 2015. While Blarek survived several surgeries for a rare, often misdiagnosed disease, she remained blind. Blarek did not become paralyzed as doctors predicted.

"I felt the emotion of the crowd. I heard a lot of screaming, clapping and my name being yelled," said Blarek, who with her daughter Kyleigh, 8, who has autism, were each assisted on the runway by their caregivers. "I felt inspired that I made an impact on other's lives to not give up. At least 30 people stopped me onstage to take pictures; even in the parking lot they stopped me."

"I'm just hoping that caregivers can take my story and be an inspiration to other people. That even though you have a disability you can go out there and do the same thing just in a different way and still care for other people," added Blarek, who wanted to let people know how hard she is trying to become a caregiver again.

MORC recognized caregivers with the 10th annual



Realtor Deborah O'Leary of Royal Oak receives her award.

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MORC Angels Awards, sponsored by Dr. Arthur Woehrlen, a dentist with Redwood Dental Center in Warren: Demitra Bond, Pontiac; Alisha Williams, Detroit; Lalita Clegg, Novi; Elena Fugate, Flint; Kimberly Johnson-Nance, Eastpointe; Monique Holliday, Auburn Hills; Sandy Hawley, Hazel Park; Deborah O'Leary, Royal Oak; Danielle Nowicki, Harrison Township; Jessica Cowan, Waterford; Ashley Jennings, Grand Blanc; Takeisha Eatman-Carter, Eastpointe; and Todd Nevels, Detroit.

Macomb County Sheriff Tony Wickersham and Larry

Maniaci, chief executive officer of Homes of Opportunity, helped honor the caregivers at MORC Caregiver Appreciation Day, which at 34 years, is believed to be the longest-running and largest appreciation day in the country, honoring the some 8,000 caregivers employed by the MORC system of 100 nonprofits. They support MORC's 5,000 people with disabilities.

MORC, known for helping close all 12 institutions for people with disabilities in Michigan, has helped 54 nations close institutions and develop homes in the commu-

nity, a press release notes.

The Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, a nonprofit human services agency based in Clinton Township, Auburn Hills and Livonia, acknowledges the support of Arc Michigan, Arc of Oakland County, Arc Services of Macomb, AMORC, Macomb County Community Mental Health Authority, Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency and the Michigan Department of Community Health, the press release adds.

Check with your insurance agent on water loss issues

Q: I am told that there is talk about changing the contract terms in some of the policies by major companies for water losses. What do you know about that?

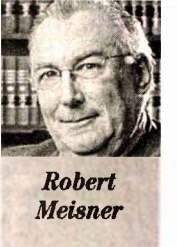
A: This matter is always subject to further consideration; however, insurance policy changes for water losses are suggesting that policy holders must take "reasonable emergency measures," (previously referred to as "reasonable repairs"), solely for the purpose of protecting their property from further damage.

These changes also suggest that a reasonable emergency measure must not exceed the greater of \$3,000, or 1 percent of the coverage, unless the insurance company provides prior approval. Finally, those reasonable emergency measures may include permanent repair when necessary to protect the covered property from further damage or prevent unwanted entry to the property. Of course, the insurance company must retain the right to inspect. These issues should be carefully reviewed with your insurance agent when you are discussing water damage to the extent that such coverage is available.

Q: I am thinking about buying a home which is located near a cell phone tower. I am wondering whether or not cell phone towers have been thought of as affecting property values?

A: Generally speaking, research concludes that the proximity of a home to a cell phone tower has no significant effect on property values. Indeed, appraisers have indicated that, similar to other modern infrastructure (telephone poles, utility lines, street lights and so on), while cell phone towers may be initially noticed, they quickly fade into the background and have no appreciable effect as to value. Of course, beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and so is a cell phone tower.

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Robert Meisner

Experts: Millennials find student loan debt, flat wages are obstacles in buying a home

Millennials are bucking trends, changing the landscape of America and sharply different from previous generations in many different ways. One of the most visible and consequential ways is through millennial homeownership numbers, according to experts on generational trends and homeownership presenting at the 2016 REALTORS Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo.

While all generations have their own hardships, opportunities and defining features, millennials are coming of age in a time of deep demographic transformation, experts say. In a session titled "The Minds of Millennials — Motivation, Mobility and Making Home," moderated by National Association of Realtors Chief Economist Lawrence Yun, panelists discussed what the shift means for the American way of life.

"America in the near future will look nothing like the America of the past," said Paul Taylor, executive vice president of the Pew Research Center and author of the book "The Next America: Boomers, Millennials, and the Looming Generational Showdown." "These shifts are creating big generation gaps that will put stress on our families, our politics, our pocketbooks, our entitlements programs and perhaps our social cohesion."

Millennials, Taylor said, are different from their parents and grandparents in ways that are already impacting all aspects of life. For example, he noted that millennials (those born after 1980) are less religiously affiliated and slow to marry and have kids. They grew up with cell phones and on social networking sites while also obtaining a high level of education, but are still struggling financially because of the economy. Politically, half of the generation identifies as independent, more than ever have before. While seemingly small differences, these characteristics have very real effects on homeownership. After all, he noted, 39 percent of millennials are still living with a parent or relative, citing the record share of young households holding student debt.

Jessica Lautz, managing director of survey research at NAR, agreed that homeownership among millennials is taking a hit. Student loan debt, flat wages, rising home prices (making it harder to get into the homeownership game) and rising rents (complicating the saving process), are delaying milestones such as marrying and having children — major events in life that often cause young people to buy a home.

The real estate industry is already feeling the impact of

"They rely on real estate agents to get them through the competitive market and to the finish line."

JESSICA LAUTZ, managing director of survey research at National Association of Realtors

these factors on millennials in regards to home buying. First-time buyers have in the past accounted for about 40 percent of home buyers; however, NAR data show that number has trended downward since 2011 and currently sits at 32 percent. And while married couples are the largest group of buyers (currently 67 percent of all buyers), single females make up the second largest group of buyers, and that share has also dropped from 22 percent in 2006 to 15 percent in 2015.

Still, one big thing hasn't changed, according to Lautz. "Even with all these statistics showing how things have changed for millennials and the fact that they are worse off financially than previous generations had been, the median age of first-time buyers has stayed relatively unchanged at

31," Lautz said. "This means that they are ready and willing to buy if they can in fact break into the market. It's getting more difficult to get to that point, but the desire to do so hasn't changed."

And while the path to homeownership is harder now for millennials carrying student debt, dealing with rising rents, and experiencing stagnant wages, NAR research shows that millennials still see the value in owning and home and once they are ready, they are looking to a real estate agent in higher numbers than ever before.

"We are seeing that millennials are using agents at much higher rates," Lautz said. "You might assume that they would prefer to take on a purchase or sell on their own, being raised in the digital age, but instead, we have found that these buyers and sellers want someone to help them through the process, not unlike the way their parents have helped them through their young adult life. Not having been through the process before, they rely on real estate agents to get them through the competitive market and to the finish line."

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvalue-realty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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Raise requests require planning, purpose

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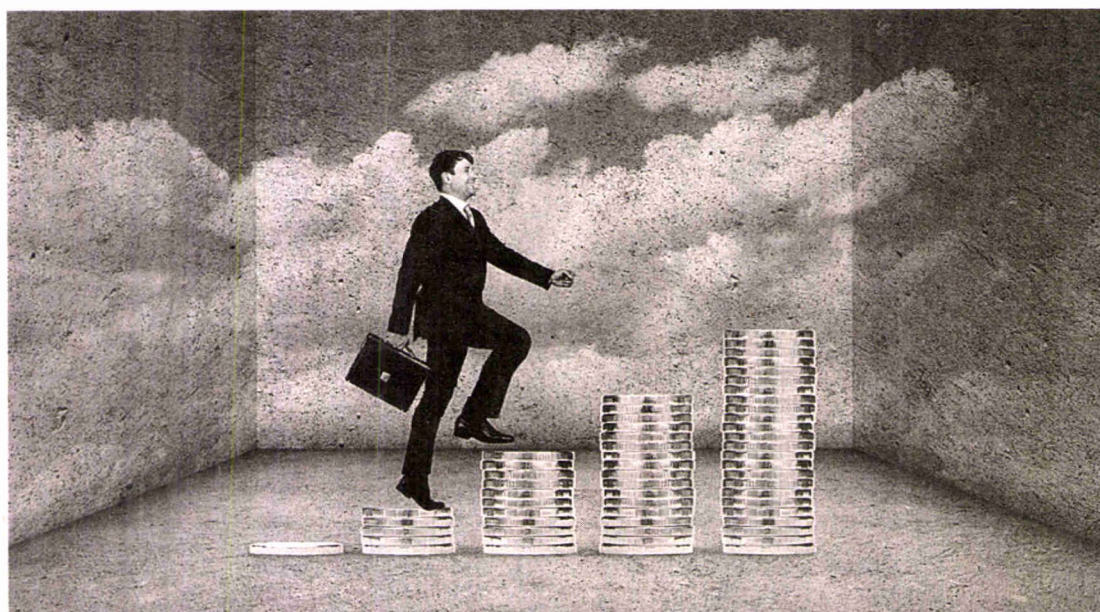
While a lucky few naturally exude confidence and have no qualms about self-promotion, for most of us, asking for a raise can be an intimidating experience.

Keep these tips in your back pocket to increase the odds of scoring a raise as you muster the courage to ask your boss.

Get the timing right. One of the most important steps in your quest for a raise is to try to pinpoint the right time to bring up the question.

"Find out when your company makes decisions about salary increases. Most organizations do this either midyear or at the beginning of a new fiscal year," says Jaclyn Westlake, a certified senior HR professional, former recruiter and HR manager who founded the Job Hop, a career and job-search strategy resource. "If possible, get your request in before these meetings take place. You'll also want to be sure that you initiate this conversation at a time when your manager can give you her full attention. Don't pop into his office first thing Monday morning — send him a meeting request in advance."

Do your homework. Don't pull numbers out of thin air



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and hope for the best. Show your manager that you've researched salary ranges on third-party sites.

Westlake recommends getting a feel for the competitive salary range for your role so you can cite that data. "You can browse sites to get an idea of what your company's competitors are offering," she says.

Don't make it personal or emotional. When it comes to asking for a raise, there are certain phrases you should avoid, according to Juanita Hines, owner of Regional Consulting, a company that specializes in providing

customized employee development workshops and training for job seekers.

Hines points to a few common things that employees say: "I deserve this," "I haven't had a raise in a while," "I've experienced this life change and I need a raise" (such as kids going to college, a new home, etc.), and "(So-and-so) got a raise; why can't I have one?"

"Managers are not moved by your life changes," she says. "They are moved by the impact that you've had on the organization, as well as how you have contributed to the organization."

Strengthen your case with evidence. "Provide examples of your contributions and accomplishments, how the company has benefited both directly — think dollars earned and saved — and indirectly — perhaps efficiencies and innovative approaches you have introduced — and how to find the resources to make the raise a reality," says Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "So when your boss asks, 'Why you?' you will be equipped with a defensible strategy."

It can work in your favor to be as specific as possible

about why you deserve a raise.

"For instance, if you acquired clients last year, come in with the exact amount of revenue you brought to the firm," says Elle Kaplan, CEO and founder of LexION Capital, a wealth-management company. "The more specific and tangible you can get with your accomplishments, the harder it will be for someone to deny your true self-worth."

Have a backup plan. Don't be disheartened if your boss can't loosen the purse strings. Have alternative requests ready. "If you don't get the number you want and believe you deserve, it is wise to have a backup request to offset the gap," Cohen says. "It could be additional vacation, flex time, sponsorship for an executive MBA or membership in professional associations or clubs, to list just a few options."

Westlake echoes that sentiment, adding, "If your request is denied, be prepared with alternative solutions like an adjusted work-from-home schedule, a title change or more paid time off."

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As New Serial One Campaign Demonstrates, Honda May Be Industry's Most Social Media-Savvy Brand



By Dale Buss

Honda is in the midst of launching one of its sleekest-styled and most interesting of its newest vehicles, the coupe version of the Honda Civic. But it's also starting a new social-media campaign that goes way back to the very beginnings of the brand's presence in the U.S. market.

Now Honda is following the restoration of Serial One, the initial version of the N600



which was the very first Honda that was sold in America, in 1969. Consumers can follow the progress of the restoration with weekly updates as N600 mechanic Tim Mings brings the vehicle back to life.

It's just 122 inches long and could actually fit between the wheels of some full-size vehicles

in the U.S., with an alloy engine that could reach only 81 mph -- but it was very fuel-efficient.

"We're so proud to bring the story of Honda's roots in the US to life through the restoration of this vehicle," Alicia Jones, social-media manager for American Honda, said in a release. It "really embodies the Honda Spirit."

Mings owns an N600 and has restored more than 1,000. Serial One had collected dust in a "junk pile" for almost 50 years. Honda said, but a "twist of fate" has helped bring it alive in this series.

Jones talked with me about Serial One and Honda's social-media strategy:

Of all the things that you could have done to boost the brand socially at this point, why Serial One?

Alicia Jones: We've been wanting to bring this to light for almost two years. We found the right time and the right moment and felt like it was a great opportunity to tell another Honda "Power of Dreams" [the current marketing campaign] story because there is such a tight connection between Tim's story and the car and the brand.

Compare and contrast this effort to other parts of the "Power

of Dreams" campaign, like that award-winning, two-minute TV ad, "Paper," which uses paper art to tell the history of Honda.

Jones: This gives us the opportunity to have content that lives for a long period of time, in iterative stages. Restoring a car takes quite a while and we've been capturing content along the way and will be showing it for 34 weeks via our social channels. So this is a social media-led campaign, and our intention is to tell the longer, emotionally driven, personal story of Tim and his vehicle, through all these different pieces of content we're going to create through a video series, GIFs and a Serial One site.

It gives us an opportunity to drive engagement. There are a lot of passionate people who love the brand, and this is an opportunity to instill that passion.

Of all auto brands, you're definitely a leader in the variety and depth of social-media marketing that you do. Are you trying to make it a differentiator for Honda?

Jones: It's all very strategically driven; it's definitely not by accident. We work really hard to create social content on an ongoing basis that is primarily driving engagement and wanting



The new Honda Civic Coupe is debuting at the same time as Serial One.

people to comment and share. That's ongoing. But then we have these greater opportunities and we seek out these greater storytelling opportunities, that's why we seem to do things differently.

Every year, we're looking for a great story-telling-based opportunity to talk about the brand. It's a hard thing to try to communicate brand meaning, or a deeper meaning to a brand, in a 30-second spot. But this story with the personal connection that Tim has is a hook that puts people in a more emotional place with the brand.

Is this a luxury given that you've got some important immediate needs, like ramping up Civic?

Jones: We are doing social-

media support for Civic. This [N600 campaign] is intended to support the brand as a whole. It gets to the roots of what social is all about -- our opportunity to have a direct, one-to-one relationship with customers instead of relying on them to take their Honda into a service bay.

What do you think is Honda's greatest overall need right now: to reflect on the brand or to promote some of your great new products like Civic and Ridgeline?

Jones: New product goes hand in hand with what people think about the brand. But we're in a great place with lots of fabulous new vehicles being released right now, and we've also had these great storytelling opportunities in social. You can't separate them.

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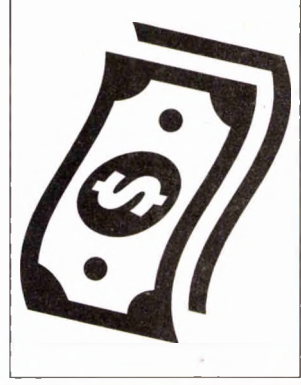
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